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S. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS,

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Digest of the Canons.

TITLE I.—CANON 14.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§1. [1.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens, [or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens,] do certify to the Right Rev. [naming the Bishop,] or to the Rev. [naming the President of the Standing Committee], that [naming the person] has been duly chosen Rector, [or Assistant Minister, as the case may be], of [naming the Parish or Church].

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The date of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§ 11. No minister removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following:

I do hereby certify that the Rev. A— B— has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON 12.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§ 1. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CANON X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Church becomes vacant it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect, and on the election of a Minister they shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the Standing Committee, notice of the same.

SEC. 3. The Bishop may appoint Clergymen in the Diocese or others who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

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Changes in the Diocese since the Convention.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft has resigned Emmanuel Church, Hastings, to become General Missionary of the Diocese.

The Rev. William Morrall has been received from the Diocese of Pittsburg and become Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

Mr. Charles A. Stevenson has been licensed as Lay Reader for S. James' Mission Rockford.

Diocese of Western Michigan.

A. D. 1885.

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A List of the Clergy.

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

JUNE 2, A. D. 1885.

Those marked * were not entitled to seats in the Convention.—*Constitution, Art. VI.* Those in *Italics* were not present.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

- / Bancroft, Joseph W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.
- Barker Dartus*. P. O., Flowerfield.
- Brown, Belno A.*, officiating in S. James' Church, Albion, and Christ Church, Homer. P. O., Ann Arbor.
- Burford, E. Spruille, Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.
- Chapin, Densmore D., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.
- Cook, Herbert J., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.
- Coolbaugh, Frank C., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.
- / *Eastman, G. C. V., D. D., Missionary, Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.
- Hayward, William S., Missionary, S. Paul's Mission, Manistee.
- **Huson, Charles R.* P. O., Coldwater.
- Jones, Robert Ellis, Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.
- Large, Joseph S., Rector of Grace Church, Traverse City.
- *McGlone, James A., Missionary, S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant.
- / Morris, Moseley. P. O., Saugatuck.
- *Nock, Edwin G., Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia.
- Overby, Alexander, Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.

Prichard, Joseph B., Missionary at Ludington and Pentwater. P. O., Ludington.

Rippey, John N., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

Spalding, V., P. O., Three Rivers.

Tate, Colin C., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids. P. O., Saugatuck.

Taylor, William Wordsworth, Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

Walton, J. Ervarts, Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall,

Wetherbee, Artemas, Rector of Grace Church, Union City.

Woodruff, Montgomery S., Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

DEACON.

*Dennis, Richard H.,

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

DeRosset, Frederick A., Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Mann, A. W., General Missionary to Deaf-Mutes. P. O., Cleveland, Ohio,

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Number canonically resident: the Bishop; Presbyters, 25; Deacon, 1.....	27
Number entitled to seats in the Convention.....	19
Of whom were present.....	15
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Of whom were present.....	6

POSTULANT.

Earnest Willoughby Jewell, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

A List of the Clergy.

IN ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE DATES OF
THEIR ORDINATION OR TRANSFER.

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| <p>1865.
Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft.
O. Sept. 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, at Hastings.
1866.
Rev. Darius Barker.
1869.
Rev. Joseph B. Prichard.
1870.
Rev. Moseley Morris.
Dec. 15. From the Diocese of Wisconsin.
1871.
Rev. Charles R. Huson.
1873.
Rev. V. Spalding.
1875.
Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.
Cons. Feb. 24, at Grand Rapids.
Rev. Joseph S. Large.
May 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. Herbert J. Cook.
June 10. From the Diocese of Central New York.
1879.
Rev. Collin C. Tate.
Dec. 11. From the Diocese of Indiana.
1880.
Rev. J. Evarts Walton.
Jan. 29. From the Diocese of Connecticut.
Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh.
Dec. 23. From the Diocese of Illinois.
Rev. E. Spruille Burford.
Dec. 28. From the Diocese of Western New York.
1881.
Rev. Artemas Wetherbee.
March 4. From the Diocese of Nebraska.
Rev. Densmore D. Chaplin.
Nov. 22. From the Diocese of Minnesota.</p> | <p>1882.
Rev. William S. Hayward.
Jan. 19. From the Diocese of Central New York.
1883.
Rev. Belno A. Brown.
Dec. 1. From the Diocese of Massachusetts.
1884.
Rev. Richard H. Dennis.
March 3. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. Robert Ellis Jones.
May 20. From the Diocese of Massachusetts.
O. June 24. to the Priesthood, at Kalamazoo.
Rev. Alexander Overby.
Aug. 8. From the Diocese of Virginia.
Rev. John S. Rippey.
Nov. 30. From the Diocese of Southern Ohio.
Rev. William W. Taylor.
Dec. 21. From the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
1885.
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.
Feb. 17. From the Diocese of Quincy.
Rev. J. Rice Taylor.
Feb. 20. From the Diocese of Vermont.
Rev. Edwin G. Nock.
March 9. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff.
Apr. 19. From the Diocese of Missouri.
Rev. James A. McGlone.
May 25. From the Diocese of Wisconsin.</p> |
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The Conventions.

THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION.	COUNTIES.	POPULATION.
Allegan.....	38,724	Cass.....	21,268
Barry.....	24,217	Eaton.....	31,929
Berrien.....	37,814	Kalamazoo.....	34,447
Branch.....	27,678	St. Joseph.....	26,289
Calhoun.....	41,526	Van Buren.....	30,446

Total, 315,348. Increase of population since 1880, 4,023.

THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION.	COUNTIES.	POPULATION.
Antrim.....	8,790	Manistee.....	19,859
Benzie.....	4,394	Manitou.....	873
Charlevoix.....	9,308	Mason.....	13,431
Clare.....	5,496	Mecosta.....	20,632
Emmet.....	7,945	Missaukee.....	3,338
Grand Traverse.....	12,111	Montcalm.....	35,423
Ionia.....	32,652	Muskegon.....	37,681
Isabella.....	16,077	Newaygo.....	19,055
Kalkaska.....	4,499	Oceana.....	14,557
Kent.....	84,705	Osceola.....	13,989
Lake.....	7,574	Ottawa.....	36,306
Leelanaw.....	7,180	Wexford.....	10,538

Total, 426,525. Increase of population since 1880, 85,489.

Total inhabitants of the Diocese, 741,873. Gain in four years, 89,518. Total number of square miles in the Diocese, 18,449.

PARISH LIST OF THE KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

CITY OR VILLAGE.	POPULATION.	PARISH.	WHEN ADMITTED
Albion.....	Village..... 3,171	S. James' Church.....	1840
Allegan.....	"..... 2,640	*Good Shepherd Church.....	1890
Battle Creek.....	City..... 10,021	*S. Thomas' Church.....	1843
Coldwater.....	"..... 5,102	*S. Mark's Church.....	1848
Hastings.....	"..... 2,638	Emmanuel Church.....	1864
Homer.....	Village..... 1,044	Christ's Church.....	1841

Kalamazoo.....City.....	13,938.....	*†S. Luke's Church.....	1838
Marshall....."	4,081.....	*Trinity Church.....	1836
Niles....."	4,606.....	*Trinity Church.....	1834
Paw Paw.....Village.....	1,430.....	S. Mark's Church.....	1851
Saugatuck....."	753.....	All Saints' Church.....	1809
Three Rivers....."	3,363.....	Trinity Church.....	1864
Union City....."	1,362.....	Grace Church.....	1865

MISSIONS IN THE CONVOCATION OF ALAMAZOO.

Benton Harbor.....Village.....	1,388.....	Holy Trinity Mission.....	1882
Charlotte.....City.....	3,598.....	Grace Mission.....	1877
Eaton Rapids....."	2,131.....	S. Matthias' Mission.....	1876
Quincy.....Village.....	1,252.....	S. John's Mission.....	1882
Mendon....."	800.....	Regular Services.....	

PARISH LIST OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

CITY OR VILLAGE	POPULATION.	PARISH.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Big Rapids.....City.....	5,917.....	*S. Andrew's Church.....	1873
Elk Rapids.....Village.....		S. Paul's Church.....	1871
Grand Haven.....City.....	5,914.....	*S. John's Church.....	1866
Grand Rapids.....City.....	41,931.....	*†S. Mark's Church.....	1836
"....."		S. Paul's Church.....	1872
"....."		*Grace Church.....	1875
Holland....."	2,972.....	Grace Church.....	1868
Ionla....."	4,643.....	†S. John's Church.....	1841
Ludington....."	5,433.....	Grace Church.....	1873
Muskegon....."	17,845.....	†S. Paul's Church.....	1867
Saranac.....Village.....	906.....	Trinity Church.....	1860
Traverse City....."	3,154.....	Grace Church.....	1877
Whitehall....."	2,313.....	Redeemer Church.....	1870

MISSIONS IN THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Baldwin.....Village.....		*S. Matthew's Mission.....	1879
Coopersville....."	847.....	Epiphany Mission.....	1877
Evart....."	1,322.....	S. John's Mission.....	1876
Greenville.....City.....	3,084.....	S. Paul's Mission.....	1881
Harbor Springs.....Village.....	876.....	S. John's Mission.....	1883
Howard City....."	1,130.....	Calvary Mission.....	1879
Manistee.....City.....	10,373.....	S. Paul's Mission.....	1876
Mt. Pleasant.....Village.....	1,944.....	S. John's Mission.....	1876
Newaygo....."	1,719.....	*S. Mark's Mission.....	1876
Pentwater....."	1,471.....	S. James' Mission.....	1877
Rockford....."	815.....	S. James' Mission.....	1880
Tustin....."		S. John's Mission.....	

Places where occasional services are held: Cadillac, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Reed City, Stanton.

*Has a Rectory. †Has both Church and Chapel

Journal.

S. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS,
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, A. D. 1885.
7 o'clock P. M.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates-elect to the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan assembled as above, and came to order at the call of the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

After silent prayer, the Bishop presented the Canonical List of the Clergy. (Canon I.) The names of Clergymen entitled to seats under the Constitution, (Article VI.) were called. Of such there were present:

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.,	
Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft,	Rev. Joseph S. Large,
Rev. E. Spruille Burford,	Rev. Moseley Morris,
Rev. Densmore D. Chapin,	Rev. Alexander Overby,
Rev. Herbert J. Cook,	Rev. Joseph B. Prichard,
Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh,	Rev. John M. Rippey,
Rev. William S. Hayward,	Rev. Colin C. Tate,
Rev. Robert Ellis Jones,	Rev. Artemas Wetherbee.

Of those not entitled to seats, there were present:

Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.,	Rev. J. Rice Taylor,
Rev. James A. McGlone,	Rev. William W. Taylor,
Rev. Edwin G. Nock,	Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff.

The lists of Parishes in union with the Convention, and of

Organized Missions, were called, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election. The Chair appointed as Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates the Rev. Messrs. Colin C. Tate and Alexander Overby.

At 7:30 P. M. adjournment was voted until 1:30 P. M. tomorrow. A Temperance Meeting followed, and the members of the Convention listened to a paper by the Rev. Mr. McGlone, treating of the general work of the Church Temperance Society, and to a sermon on Temperance by the Rev. James F. Conover, D. D., Janesville, Wis.

DIVINE SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., June 3, 1885.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop, was assisted in the Morning Prayer by the Rev. Messrs. Nock, Eastman, D. D., Jones, W. W. Taylor and Woodruff. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10:30 A. M., preceded by the Bishop's Address. Assisting in the Communion Service: the Rev. R. L. Loughborough, Vicar of Pirton Parish, Diocese of St. Alban's, England; the Rev. Dr. Conover; the Rev. Mr. Burford, Rector of the Parish; and the Rev. Messrs. Overby, Prichard, Rippey and McGlone.

The offering was devoted to the American Church Building Fund Commission.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 o'clock, P. M.

The members of the Convention re-assembled to complete its organization.

The Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates presented the following

REPORT.

. Your Committee find the Certificates of Election referred to them to be in due form, and present the following names as entitled to seats in this convention; viz.: from

*Allegan—Church of the Good Shepherd	A. E. Calkins.
Battle Creek - S. Thomas' Church	Clement Wakelee.
Big Rapids - S. Andrew's Church	C. B. Mosher.
	W. D. Smith.
Grand Haven - S. John's Church	Henry N. Elkington.
	Thomas A. Parish.
Grand Rapids—S. Mark's Church	William R. Shelby.
	William J. Stuart.
	E. H. Hunt.
Grand Rapids—Grace Church	O. H. Chipman.
	Edwin F. Sweet.
	Thomas Woodhams.
Ionla—S. John's Church	George P. Utley.
Hastings - Emmanuel Church	Henry A. Goodyear.
	David G. Robinson.
Kalamazoo—S. Luke's Church	L. C. Chapin.
	T. F. Sheldon.
	Henry Brees.
Marshall—Trinity Church	William J. Dibble.
Muskegon—S. Paul's Church	E. G. Rote.
Niles—Trinity Church	J. Eastman Johnson.
Benton Harbor—Holy Trinity Mission	Alfred Coates.
Mt. Pleasant S. John's Mission	William N. Brown.
	COLIN C. TATE.
	ALEXANDER OVERBY.

The Report was accepted and the roll called. Twelve Parishes and two Missions were represented by twenty-three Delegates.

The Chair declared the Convention duly organized and ready to proceed with business.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, that the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D. and the Rev. Messrs. James A. McGlone, Edwin G. Nock, J. Rice Taylor, William W. Taylor and Montgomery S. Woodruff not having been actually and personally as well as canonical-ly resident in the Diocese for the space of six calendar months before the meeting of this Convention, be admitted to a seat and vote in the Convention under Constitution, Article VI.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Shelby the "General Rules of Order" printed on pages 15 and 16 of the Journal of 1884 were adopted as the Rules of this Convention.

*The List contains the names of those only who were present at the Convention. Credentials were presented from S. Mark's Church, Coldwater; Grace Church, Ladington; and the Organized Missions at Manistee and Pentwater; but no delegates from them attended the Convention.

Twelve Parishes presented no Credentials.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

The election of Secretary being in order the Chair appointed as Tellers the Rev. W. W. Taylor and Mr. C. B. Mosher.

REPORT OF TELLERS.

Thirty three votes were cast, all of which for the Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

W. W. TAYLOR.

C. B. MOSHER.

The Secretary asked the consent of the Convention to the appointment of Mr. F. A. Gorham as Assistant Secretary, which was granted.

On motion of the Rev. S. Burford:

Resolved, that this Convention through its Secretary, send its fraternal greetings and best wishes, in the name of the Lord, to the Convention of our sister Diocese of Indiana, now in session at Fort Wayne.

The same was adopted by a rising vote and the following messages were exchanged:

To BISHOP KNICKERBACKER, *Fort Wayne, Indiana*: The Bishop and Convention of Western Michigan to the Bishop and Convention of Indiana; Titus III. 15.

J. W. BANCROFT, Sec'y.

REPLY:

To the REV. J. W. BANCROFT, Secretary of the Diocese of Western Michigan: The Bishop and Convention of Indiana reciprocate kind wishes. Hebrews XIII., 25.

WILLIS D. ANGLE, Sec'y.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, that Mr. Frederick A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese and member of the Diocesan Board of Missions, be admitted to a seat in the Convention with full privilege of discussion.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Shelby:

Resolved, that Clergymen from other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders be invited to attend sittings of this Convention.

Having seats under the resolution of courtesy:

The Rev. R. L. Loughborough, Vicar of Pirton Parish, Diocese of St. Alban's, Eng., the Rev. James F. Conover, D. D., Janesville, Wis. and the Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset, of the Diocese of New York.

On motion the Rev. Mr. Loughborough was by a rising vote invited to occupy a seat at the side of the Bishop.

The President of the Convention announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Rev. W. W. Taylor, Rev. E. G. Nock, Mr. W. D. Smith.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—Mr. A. E. Calkins, Mr. C. Wakelee, Mr. G. P. Utley.

On the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Rev. J. S. Large, Rev. Alexander Overby, Mr. Henry Brees, Mr. E. G. Rote, Mr. W. N. Brown.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. C. C. Tate, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Mr. H. N. Elkington.

On the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions—Rev. A. Wetherbee, Rev. J. R. Taylor, Messrs. H. A. Goodyear, N. P. Loveridge, L. C. Chapin.

On Christian Education—Rev. R. E. Jones, Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., Rev. E. G. Nock, Mr. E. F. Sweet, Mr. T. A. Parish.

On Canons—Rev. D. D. Chapin, Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, Mr. W. J. Dibble, Mr. W. R. Shelby.

On Church Literature—Rev. E. S. Burford, Rev. J. B. Prichard, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Mr. A. Lilly, Mr. John Young.

On the State of the Church—Rev. Herbert J. Cook, Rev. William S. Hayward, Rev. James A. McGlone, Mr. C. B. Mosher, Mr. A. Coates.

The Bishop read the remainder of his annual Address, and then received the Parochial Reports.

On motion of the Rev. D. D. Chapin, so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to amendment of Canons, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Mr. W. J. Dibble, so much of the same as refers to the raising and holding one hundred dollars annually to provide for expenses of Deputies to the next General Convention, was referred to the Standing Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion of Mr. Alfred Coates so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Decennial of the Diocese was referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion of Mr. William N. Brown, reference of the same pertaining to the bequest of Mrs. Mary T. Curtis, was made to the Standing Committee on the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions.

On motion of Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh, reference of the same to the change of Constitution, making Lay officers of the Convention eligible to seats and voice in the same, was made to a special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed as such committee, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Mr. W. N. Brown, Mr. L. C. Chapin.

The Rev. Herbert J. Cook presented and read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee elected by the Tenth Annual Convention have held six meetings during the year, the first for organization on the adjournment of Convention, when the Rev. J. W. Bancroft was chosen President, and the Rev. Herbert J. Cook, Secretary. The four meetings following were for the transaction of business, and the last was for the annual report.

June 23, 1884, at Kalamazoo, approval was given of the choice of the Rev. S. D. Ferguson as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas; and the Rev. W. J. Boone as Missionary Bishop of Shanghai. At the same time the Rev. Robert Ellis Jones, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese for ordination to the Priesthood.

At Grand Rapids, August 11, 1884. The Committee made appropriations from the Christmas Fund to several Clergymen and families of deceased Clergymen. They also approved and signed the testimonials of the Rev. Nelson S. Rullison D. D., Assistant Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

The Committee met again in the same city on the 18th of November. The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Corbett of several positions in the Diocese, was accepted, he having removed. His place on this Committee was filled by the choice of the Rev. C. C. Tate.

Action was taken to defray the expenses of a Committee of Inquiry, should the Bishop deem it necessary to appoint such Committee, under Canon XVII. Sec. 1.

Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. William Paret D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Maryland, and the usual testimonials were signed.

The last meeting for business, one appointment having failed for lack of quorum, was held at Kalamazoo on the 7th of January last.

The testimonials of the Rev. Geo. Worthington S. T. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Nebraska were acted upon, unanimously approved, and signed by all members present.

Five Clergymen were Canonically elected to constitute an ecclesiastical court should there be necessity for such a court under the Canons.

Action was also taken which has resulted in a very earnest appeal to all delinquent Parishes to pay in full all assessments made by this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BANCROFT, President.

HERBERT J. COOK, Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Diocesan Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, and for all Objects outside the Diocese, then presented his

ANNUAL REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan:

	Dr.
Cash balance from last report	\$182 98
“ from S. James', Albion (for 1883-84)	37 08
“ “ S. Thomas', Battle Creek	98 50
“ “ “ “ “ for Bishop's salary	20 00
“ “ “ Andrew's, Big Rapids	23 67
“ “ “ Mark's, Coldwater (for 1883-84)	40 00
“ “ “ “ “	2 00
“ “ “ Mark's, Grand Rapids	228 00
“ “ “ Grace, “ (for 1883-84)	111 00
“ “ “ “ “	70 32
“ “ “ S. Paul's “ “	10 00
“ “ “ Emmanuel, Hastings	41 76
“ “ “ S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	120 18
“ “ “ Trinity, Marshall	32 00
“ “ “ Niles (for 1883-84)	12 24
“ “ “ “ “	19 31
“ “ “ Grace, Union City	7 81
“ “ “ Ch. of the Redeemer, Whitehall	4 80
“ “ “ Trinity, Marshall, balance of ass'm't	31 42
“ “ “ S. Paul's, Muskegon	156 92
“ “ “ Ch. of Good Shepherd, Allegan	38 48
“ “ “ S. Mark's, Coldwater (for 1883-84)	47 04
“ “ “ “ “	57 92
“ “ “ John's, Ionia	46 77
“ “ “ Trinity, Niles	11 00
“ “ “ Grace, Traverse City	23 80
	\$1,474 98

CONTRA.

By paid sexton and pages at last Convention	\$9 00
“ “ Rev. D. Barker	4 00
“ “ “ J. W. Bancroft, Secretary's salary	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ bill June 12th, '84	4 25
“ “ “ “ “ “ Sept. 30th, '84	24 17
“ “ “ “ “ “ March 26th, '85	10 59
“ “ “ J. H. Babcock “ as Examiner	4 40
“ “ “ T. A. Parish “ “	4 30
“ “ “ P. Macfarlane “ “	4 55
“ “ “ A. Overby “ “	4 30
“ “ “ C. B. Mosher “ “	6 40
“ “ “ E. J. Babcock, Registrar	5 00
“ “ “ Dennis & Slingerland's bill	7 00
“ “ “ for printing extra “Helpers”	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ Journal	170 00
“ “ “ “ “ stamps, cards, and envelopes	1 18
“ “ “ towards Bishop's salary	600 00
“ “ “ assessment by General Convention	11 50
Cash in hand	544 36
	\$1,474 98

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS FOR ASSESSMENTS:

TOWNS.	PARISHES	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85
Albion.....	S. James'	\$22 66	\$16 18	\$20 06	\$	\$	\$30 9	\$27 81	.....	\$9 34
Big Rapids...	S. Andrew's	*18 50	*27 00	20 00	31 00	17 50	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Elk Rapids...	S. Paul's	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 12
Grand Haven...	S. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 73	.....	18 88
Grand Rapids	Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 00	.....	.....	.....	1 24
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	.....	.....	6 04	25 37	.....	.....	29 50	.....	1 02
Holland.....	Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 90	.....	5 82
Homer.....	Christ	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 98	.....	26 30
Ludington....	Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 88	.....	64
Niles.....	Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60
Paw Paw.....	S. Mark's	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 54	14 00	24 40	27 29	4 17
Saranac.....	Trinity	3 50	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	1 80	2 40	36
Saugatuck....	All Saints'	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 82	12 10	.....
Three Rivers	Trinity	.....	.....	.....	2 66	6 31	9 02	8 11	10 82	.....
Traverse City	Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 60	.....
Whitehall....	Redeemer.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 68	1 20

*To be remitted on payment of dues following. (Journal 1881, page 59.)

T. P. SHELDON,

Kalamazoo, June 2, 1886.

Treasurer.

Dr. O. H. Chipman moved that the Report of the Treasurer be returned to him for correction on account of payments made since said report was prepared. A substitute offered by Mr. William R. Shelby prevailed: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted and referred to its proper Committee for audit and that the said Committee report to this Convention the actual condition of the account by reason of the payments made since the report was written.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen:

	Dr.
Cash balance from last report.....	\$ 513 96
" from S. James' Church, Albion	1 77
" " Ch. of Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	10 45
" " S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek	14 00
" " S. Andrew's " Big Rapids	4 00
" " S. Mark's " Coldwater	7 53
" " S. Mark's " Grand Rapids.....	50 10
" " Emanuel " Hastings	8 45
" " Grace " Holland	2 00
" " S. Luke's " Kalamazoo.....	31 08
" " S. Paul's " Manistee.....	4 00
" " Trinity " Marshall	15 61

Cash from S. John's Church, Mt. Pleasant	1 81
" " S. Paul's " Muskegon	6 17
" " Trinity " Niles	10 25
Interest on Bogama mortgage	28 00
" " Johnson "	2 00
" " Nickles "	21 00
" " Pollock "	21 00
" " Price "	11 82
" " Quick "	28 50
" " Reumer "	6 83
" " Zwart "	32 70
Paid on Johnson	200 00
" " Reumer "	150 00
" " Zwart "	33 65
	<u>\$1,216 75</u>

CONTRA.

	Cr.
By paid beneficiaries	\$285 00
By paid for mortgage against John Bockhout and John H. Bennink	700 00
" " Interest on the same	12 25
Cash balance in hand	219 50
	<u>\$1,216 75</u>

List of Securities belonging to the Fund:

Note and mortgage of Derk Bogama	\$400 00
" " " " Klaus Klimp	166 35
" " " " George Nickles	300 00
" " " " Pamela Pollock	210 00
" " " " Alex. Price	150 00
" " " " Isaac J. Quick	400 00
" " " " Harm Zwart	200 00
" " " " John Bockhout and John H. Bennink	700 00
	<u>\$2,526 35</u>

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

Kalamazoo, June 21, 1885.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 2, 1885.

The undersigned Lay members of the Standing Committee acting as a Board of Auditors, by the appointment of the Convention of 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the Securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., and find them correct, as per statement above.

L. C. CHAPIN,
W. J. STUART.

The Report was accepted and referred to its proper Standing Committee.

As Treasurer for Objects without the Diocese, Mr. T. P. Sheldon read his report of the sums received by him during the year 1884-5.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, it was voted not to print in the Journal the Report of Contributions for *Objects without the Diocese*, the same appearing in the *Church Helper*, in the Parochial Reports, and in the Summary of Contributions.

The Report of the Association being in order, on motion of Mr. W. N. Brown, it was voted that details should be omitted in the reading.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan at a meeting held on the afternoon of the 2d Inst. directed its Treasurer to present to the Convention, as its report for the past year, the statements made by him to the Association.

In compliance with these instructions I respectfully present the following

REPORT:

GRAND RAPIDS, June 1st, 1885.

To the Trustees of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the By-Laws of the Association the following report is respectfully submitted:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

The amount of this fund, exclusive of doubtful and worthless notes (\$6,554.51) at date of last report was..... \$22,234 46

Which has been increased during the year as follows:

From Rev. R. H. Paine, Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore	\$20 00	
“ Rev. W. R. Babcock, Newport, R. I.	25 00	
“ payment of notes charged to Suspense Account.....	1,003 64	
Total increase		\$1,048 64

Making amount of fund at this date, not including worthless and doubtful notes, (\$5,550.97) \$30,283 10

Composed of the following items:

Loans, secured by bond and mortgage.....	\$13,814 00	
Subscription notes, good.....	935 00	
Episcopal residence, estimated value.....	11,000 00	
Grace Church, Holland, (cost to Association).....	1,186 25	
Other real estate.....	890 13	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	2,457 72	\$30,283 10

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Episcopal Fund:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$1,183 08
From payment of following Subscription notes:	
Thos. Dutton, Grand Haven	5 00
J. P. Clapham, Kalamazoo	200 00
Estate of R. C. Paine, Niles, final dividend.....	3 64
Jno. McConnell, Grand Rapids.....	1,000 00
A. Preusser, Grand Rapids.....	100 00
J. D. Burns, Kalamazoo, on account.....	25 00

R. E. Butterworth, Grand Rapids.....	500 00	
From Rev. R. H. Paine, Baltimore Md.....	20 00	
“ R. VanNess, Grand Rapids, on mortgage..	100 00	
“ J. J. Adams, on contract for property sold to him.....	50 00	
“ W. B. Williams, Allegan, partial payment on mortgage..	20 00	
“ J. F. Wintermute, on mortgage.....	750 00	
“ Rev. W. R. Babcock, Newport, R. I.....	25 00	
Estate of Julia Persons, partial payment on mortgage	500 00	\$4,481 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

For following loans:

John A. Campbell, 7 per cent.....	\$500 00	
Geo. L. Hale, 8 “	300 00	
Electa P. Goundry, 7 “	524 00	
Josiah Tibbets, 8 “	200 00	
F. C. Rathbun, 8 “	500 00	\$2,024 00
Balance, cash in hand.....		\$2,457 72

Income Account, Episcopal Fund:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hand from last report.....	\$100 38	
From interest on loans.....	1,130 68	
“ interest on notes	205 09	
“ Geo. Kendall, annual subscription	100 00	
“ Rent of Episcopal residence.....	366 68	
“ T. P. Sheldon, Treas., for assessments.....	600 00	
“ F. C. Miller, Grand Rapids, work and material for repairs to Episcopal residence	11 67	
“ interest on deposits.....	12 65	\$2,527 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Bishop Gillespie, in full for salary to February 24th, 1886..	\$2,480 00	
For repairs to Episcopal residence.....	31 44	
“ recording mortgages.....	5 69	\$2,527 13

You will note that for the first time in the history of the Diocese, the Episcopal salary has been paid in full to the end of the year closing February 24th, 1886, but it would be more fair and business like to compute and pay the salary, as nearly as possible to the end of the conventional year, which would be to May 24th.

I would therefore suggest that a recommendation be made to the Convention that an assessment be ordered for the coming year which shall be large enough to pay the salary in full to February 24, 1886, and for one-half of the additional quarter from February 25th to May 24th, the other one-half to be included in the assessment for 1886-7.

The income for the Fund for the ensuing year is estimated at \$1,800 00

The liabilities will be:

Bishop's salary to February 24, 1886..	\$3,000 00	
For necessary painting and papering of Episcopal residence..	200 00	\$3,200 00
Deficit.....		\$1,400 00

To meet a portion of this deficit the Bishop makes the following very liberal contribution:

(GRAND RAPIDS, May 30th, 1886.

Mr. F. A. GORHAM, *Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:*

MY DEAR SIR: - From the estimate of the income of the Episcopal Fund for the year commencing February 24, 1886, with which you have kindly furnished me, it appears that, allowing for some necessary repairs of the Episcopal Residence, the deficiency will be about fourteen hundred dollars.

I propose to divide with the Diocese this deficiency, contributing seven hundred dollars to the income of the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year.

I trust that this will enable the Diocese to make some provisions towards meeting the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention in 1886.

Unless some provision is made this year, the whole burden will fall on next year, with the assessment of the General Convention, or the choice of delegates must be restricted to those who are able to meet their expenses.

I remain gratefully yours,

GEO. D. GILLENPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

If accepted, this will reduce the deficiency to	\$700 00
To which is to be added, should the suggestion in relation to salary be adopted, for one-half of salary from February 24th to May 24th, 1886, say	300 00
Making total amount to be raised by assessment during the coming year	\$1,000 00

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The amount at last report was	\$800 00
To which has been added the bequest of Mrs. Mary T. Curtiss, deceased, of Marshall, Mich., for Diocesan Missions, as provided in her will..	2,200 00
Easter offering from Emmanuel Church, Hastings	10 00
Total	\$2,810 00

Of this amount \$2,800 00 is invested in bonds and mortgages and \$10 00 is in Treasurer's hands.

Income account, Permanent Missionary Fund:

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Vandrey mortgage	\$30 00
" " Hall	20 00
" " Swift	77 00
" " deposits	4 50
	\$131 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to D. G. Robinson, Treasr. Board of Missions	\$127 00
" accrued interest on Martin mortgage	1 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	3 50
	131 50

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Balance per last report.....	\$228 83	
Received during year, from Geo. D. Gillespie, Rectory building Fund	1,386 72	
From interest on deposits.....	40 03	
Total.....		\$1,655 58

Credited as follows:

Rectory Building Fund.....	1,426 65	
Lyons Fund.....	133 46	
Decatur Fund.....	66 53	
Sturgis	29 94	1,655 58

Of this amount \$200 00 is invested in bond and mortgage and the balance, \$1,455 58 is in hands of Treasurer.

CONVEYANCES.

Deeds to the Association have been received during the year as follows:

PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

Louis Sands and wife: Lot No. 6, of block 17 of Mark S. Tyson & Co.'s addition to the village (now city) of Manistee, and State of Michigan.

The following is a detailed statement of all Securities in my hands:

FOR EPISCOPAL FUND.

Subscription notes and pledges, good	\$ 935 00
“ “ “ “ worthless and doubtful.....	5,550 87

Bonds and mortgages as follows:

Elijah Dart, 7½ per cent.,.....	2,000 00
Cope & Andrews, 8 “ “	1,000 00
John Schoffin, 8 “ “	1,000 00
Julia Persons, 8 “ “	1,000 00
L. Dodds, 7 “ “	850 00
M. Ryan, 9 “ “	800 00
E. P. Goundry, 7 “ “	524 00
R. Vanness, 7 “ “	500 00
J. A. Campbell, 7 “ “	500 00
F. C. Rathbun, 8 “ “	500 00
W. H. Converse, 8 “ “	500 00
H. A. Bixby, 8 “ “	500 00
A. VanAmberg, 8 “ “	450 00
Jas. P. Hayes, 8 “ “	350 00
J. A. Shoecraft, 8 “ “	300 00
Geo. L. Hale, 8 “ “	300 00
H. M. Birdsall, 10 “ “	300 00
M. Maloney, 8 “ “	300 00
W. B. Williams, 10 “ “	280 00
C. Myers, 8 “ “	250 00
A. M. Beal, 8 “ “	250 00
Josiah Tibbets, 8 “ “	200 00
L. K. Austin, 7 “ “	160 00
John Marz, 8 “ “	225 00
Wm. Hannon, 8 “ “	200 00

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J. B. Andrews, 10 per cent.,	150 00
Geo. Wallace, 10 " "	125 00
Agnes Pinney, 10 " "	100 00
A. M. Bennett, 10 " "	100 00
E. E. McIntyre, 10 " "	100 00

Deeds:

Geo. Kendall, Episcopal residence, value including building	11,000 00
Grace Church, Holland, Mich., cost to Association	1,188 25
E. M. Adams, property at Grand Rapids, acquired under foreclosure, and sold under contract to Jos. J. Adams	690 13
Jno. F. Tinkham, lots at Ludington	200 00

Total Episcopal Fund..... \$33,376 25

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Bonds and Mortgages.

Stephen Vaudrey, 10 percent,	300 00
Rufus Hall, 10 " "	200 00
M. L. Swift, 7 " "	2,200 00
Thos. Martin, 10 " "	100 00

Total Permanent Missionary Fund..... \$2,800 00

RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

Certificate of deposit, National City Bank, Grand Rapids..... \$1,425 65

PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

Bond and mortgage, N. R. Peterson, 9 per cent., due Feb. 10, 1888..... 200 00

Deeds as follows:

Jos. Berry, land at Quincy	consideration	150 00
Saml. Mowry, land at Quincy	"	250 00
Caroline Snell, land at Lowell	"	125 00
Henry Hall, land at Plainfield	"	50 00
Saml. C. Graham, land at Coopersville	"	100 00
Sundry persons, land at Eaton Rapids	"	500 00
W. L. Webber, Trustee, land at Baldwin	"	1 00
Rutan and Slaght, land at Greenville	"	1,500 00
Southard & Crandall, land at Harbor Springs	"	1 00
Dexter & Noble, land at Elk Rapids	"	1 00
R. W. Bagot, land at Elk Rapids	"	10
Wm. Cox, et al., land at Grand Rapids, (chapel of Good Shepherd property)	"	1 00
Edson B. Jewett, land at Benton Harbor	"	175 00
N. McMillan, land at Rockford	"	1 00
Minnie K. Brown, land at Mt. Pleasant	"	1 00
Louis Sands, land at Manistee	"	350 00

Total Trust Property..... \$3,416 00

Grand Rapids, June 2, 1886.

F. A. GORHAM,
Treasurer.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 2, 1885.

The undersigned Lay-Members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors by the appointment of the Convention of 1876 (page 39 Journal of 1876) do hereby certify that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, as set forth in the foregoing schedule and find them correct as therein stated.

W. J. STUART,
L. C. CHAPIN.

The Report was accepted and referred to the proper Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese submitted the following

SPECIAL REPORT.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter referred to them at the last Convention and found on page 59 of the Journal, in regard to the rights and duties of Vestries.

That inasmuch as any report they might make would be a mere expression of opinion, and as each particular case will depend so much upon its own facts and law, they deem it impracticable to attempt to lay down any rule of general application.

J. W. BANCROFT, Pres't.
HERBERT J. COOK, Sec'y.
S. BURFORD.
C. C. TATE.
L. C. CHAPIN.
W. J. STUART.

The report was accepted.

The Rev. D. D. Chapin moved that the subject be referred again to the Committee with instructions to report to the next Convention.

The Rev. E. S. Burford offered as substitute:

That the whole question be referred to a special committee composed of three clergymen and three laymen, of which Rev. D. D. Chapin shall be chairman.

The substitute prevailed and the Chair subsequently appointed as such committee, the Rev. D. D. Chapin, the Rev. Dr. Eastman, the Rev. J. N. Rippey, Messrs. H. F. Severens, Geo. Willard, and T. J. O'Brien.

The Rev. Alexander Overby offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, that the word "male" in the seventh line of Canon IX., Sec. 2, be stricken out.

Proposed amendments of the Constitution and Canons were introduced by the Rev. Mr. Bancroft and referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. Burford was granted temporary leave of absence to discharge parochial duty.

The pending amendment of the Constitution Art. II. as printed on page 52 Journal of 1884 then passed by the following vote: Clergy, yeas 9, nays 0; Laity, yeas 19, nays 0; and the Constitution was declared amended accordingly.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Shelby,

Resolved, that the Chair be allowed to appoint on the special committee to consider the Rights and Duties of Vestries any person whether a member of this Convention or not.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary of the last Convention has to report, that in compliance with instructions of the Convention he communicated its thanks to the Rev. Dr. Hartzell of Detroit, for his sermon and received that gentleman's acknowledgements of the Convention's kind expressions.

As directed also, the Secretary sent to the Vestry of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, a copy of the Special Report (Jour. 1884, page 52.), but received no acknowledgement of its reception. He also sent to the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney a copy of the *Church Helper* containing Report of the Committee on the Seabury Centennial.

He distributed one thousand extra copies of the Bishop's Address, and he has received from the Secretary of the General Convention two volumes which he now places before the Convention for its action as disposed; the same being a Notification to the Dioceses of the alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer, proposed in General Convention of 1883 to be acted on in that of 1886; and a copy of the Book Annexed as modified by the General Convention of 1883.

Dr. L. C. Chapin, in behalf of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, invited the Convention to hold its next meeting in that Parish, and the Rev. J. N. Rippey extended the same invitation on the part of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

The motions being put, the former prevailed and Kalamazoo was designated as the place of the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Herbert J. Cook,

Resolved, that when this Convention finally adjourns it shall be to meet on Tuesday, May 25th, A. D. 1886.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The Missionary Service was read by the Rev. Messrs. Wetherbee and Hayward.

The Secretary of the Board of Missions, Rev. Colin C. Tate, Presented and read its

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Missions elected at the last Convention has endeavored to do the work committed to its care and now renders an account of its stewardship. You need hardly be reminded that Western Michigan is essentially in all things as much a Missionary field as any of our Missionary Jurisdictions; and yet under our organization as a church in this country, this Diocese does not receive a tithe of the Missionary aid received by any one of our Missionary Jurisdictions, except the amount given by the Domestic Board.

We feel that the amount given by our struggling Parishes and Missions, is the amount which they think or feel that they can give or spare after providing for their pressing needs at home, while the true Missionary spirit should consider the extension of the Church and assistance to weak Parishes and Missions, the *most* important work. Our Missionary work this year has met with a temporary check in the departure of our General Missionary, Rev. E. J. Babcock, to another Diocese.

The Board desire to bear witness to the great good accomplished by the plan of sending out a General Missionary, and to place on record our appreciation of the zeal and earnestness of the Rev. E. J. Babcock, our last General Missionary.

The Bishop has chosen one whom we hope will carry on the work so well begun. During the past year the Board has held seven meetings. At the first meeting held in Marshall, June 12, 1884, the Rev. C. C. Tate was elected Secretary, and Mr. D. G. Robinson, Treasurer. The Treasurer will render to you an account of the funds entrusted to our care.

The Board has held meetings in Marshall, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Niles.

The Secretary, Rev. C. C. Tate, has attended four meetings of the Board, Rev. E. S. Burford, two; Rev. D. D. Chapin, seven; Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, six; Rev. J. S. Large, three; Mr. D. G. Robinson, the Treasurer, six; Mr. C. B. Mosher, three; Mr. W. J. Dibble, three; and Mr. F. A. Gorham, four.

In addition to the work done by our regular Missionaries, the Bishop has put a number of places where services should be held under the charge of the clergy,

near such Parishes or Missions. This plan will do much for the church provided it is carried out by the Clergy. The most discouraging thing about it is that small and weak places decline the services of the clergy unless they can give them services on Sundays.

Our Missionaries have made reports quarterly to the Bishop; their annual reports will be made at the Convention and it will be seen that they have done their work with satisfaction to the Bishop and the Board. The Rev. W. S. Hayward still continues his Missionary labors in his large field in the North of the State. He has continued regular services at Manistee, and also has held services at Filer City, in Manistee Co. jail and Poor House, at Stronach and Frankfort and Gilmore. All our Parishes and Missions may well follow the example of the Mission and Missionary at Manistee, in contributing to all branches of our Missionary work as may be seen in the Spirit of Missions.

The Rev. J. H. Babcock did efficient work for the Church in Big Rapids. During his stay there a rectory was built. He also held services at Howard City, but to our great regret he has removed from our Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Pritchard has continued the services at Ludington and Pentwater. The Rev. Mr. McGlone, since our last Convention has taken charge of the Mission at Mt. Pleasant and the Mission bids fair to become one of our best. The Rev. Dr. Eastman has taken up the work at Benton Harbor and steps have been taken towards building a Church on the lot bought some two years ago. This promising Mission must be sustained.

The Rev. B. A. Brown was doing well at Albion, when the Parish met with a great loss in the destruction of their Church by fire. A new Church is to be built at once. Mr. Brown has also held services at Homer and Schoolcraft.

The Rev. Mr. Wetherbee after holding services at Mendon and S. Barnabus' Chapel, Kalamazoo, for several months, has taken the Parish at Union City where new interest has been created.

The Rev. Mr. Woodruff has been called to Big Rapids. Elk Rapids has completed a new Church and called a Clergyman.

Among the cheering things, we have to report the legacy of Mrs. Curtis of Marshall, who left the Diocese \$2,200, the interest of which is to be used for Missions and the building of Rectories.

This shows that the interest and zeal of the saints of God still dwell among us. May her pious example be imitated by others in all our Parishes. Men should be ready to leave for God's work, as directed in the Office for the Visitation of the Sick, a portion of their worldly goods.

In addition to the work done by our regular Missionaries, Rev. Mr. Large has done missionary work at Traverse City, and Rev. Mr. Cook at Quincy under the Domestic Board.

This year has been one of great financial distress and our Missionary treasury has suffered accordingly.

Our Church people when "times are hard" withhold first of all the small portion which hitherto they have given to the Lord. With many, economy begins first with the work of God.

We now place before you the report of the Committee appointed by the Board under the direction of this Convention on apportionment to the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese of the amount, which in the opinion of the Board each Parish and Mission ought to contribute, of the amount needed. We hope it may receive a hearty response from all:

In accord with the method approved by the last Convention for raising money for Diocesan Missions and under the advice of the Bishop, the Board of Missions sets forth the following apportionment as your share in the Mission work, viz..... As your authorized Agency for the maintenance of Missionary Work we ask you to give this specified sum, as the minimum of your help. The Sum Total asked this year is about \$300 less than last year. We make this lessened

apportionment on the expectation that the unpaid pledges of this year, made and received in good faith, will be redeemed in full. The object of this, our present plan, is two-fold — and ought to commend itself. First, to furnish you with a fair opportunity to consider your responsibility to the Master's work. Second, to avoid unsatisfactory and often objectionable features of urging public pledges in Convention. We are glad to report the Missionary fields are quite generally supplied, and with the reasonable increase of Missionaries to be looked for, the coming year will demand all that we can raise under the present apportionment. A General Missionary will soon be in the field.

Please give immediate attention to this matter. If you are to have Deputies, instruct them to report favorably in open Convention, if not, write what you can do, at once, to

MR. D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,
Hastings, Mich.
F. A. GORHAM,
F. C. COOLBAUGH,
Committee.

Ascension Day, A. D. 1885.

We submit also the report of the editor of the *Church Helper*, published by the Board of Missions.

The income of the *Helper* for the year ending June 1, 1885, has been \$347.88, of which \$50 was an appropriation of the Board of Missions, \$20.40 receipts from advertisements and \$277.48, from subscribers. Cash in hand, \$88.11; cash at this date last year, \$90.76. There are now less than six hundred paying subscribers, and rather more than usual of these are in arrears. In the stronger and more prosperous Parishes and Missions the lists are maintained or slightly increased. The *Helper* can be maintained a long time in its present condition, but it is a pity it could not have a larger support and be made still more acceptable and useful.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Managing Editor.

Hastings, June 2, 1885.

Hoping our work will be blessed for another year, the Board of Missions ask your warm support.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. TATE,
Secretary.

The Report was accepted and referred.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions presented his annual report, reading only the summaries and footings of receipts and disbursements.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with the Diocesan Mission Fund:

June 11, 1884.	Dr.
Cash in hand.....	\$721 88
From W. J. Dibble, Marshall.....	10 00
“ W. S. Mansell, Coldwater.....	5 00
“ Fred Moss, Coldwater.....	5 00
“ Amelia A. and Anna H. Gilson, Galesburg.....	12 00
“ Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hlester, Galesburg.....	6 00
“ Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md. per Rev. R. H. Paine... ..	35 00
“ Charles E. Gill, Marshall.....	10 00
“ G. and A. R. Schuyler Marshall.....	5 00
“ Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Marshall.....	25 00
“ Hon. W. N. Brown,.....	100 00

From Unknown, Kalamazoo	1 00
" F. A. Gorham, interest on Vaudry mortgage	50 00
" " " " Swift	77 00
" Rev. S. Burford, Grand Rapids	33 00
" " P. Macfarlane, Grand Rapids	10 00
" " E. J. Babcock, (in drafts)	556 26
" " " " "	5 00
" " Sidney Corbett, D. D Battle Creek	60 00
" " Joseph B. Prichard, Ludington	5 00
" S. Paul's Mission, Manistee	16 24
" " " Filer City	3 21
" " Muskegon	67 05
" Trinity, Saranac	3 60
" S. John's, Grand Haven	15 00
" S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	200 00
" Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor	10 00
" D. G. Robinson, Hastings	10 00
" T. P. Sheldon, Kalamazoo	10 00
" Stanton Mission	3 84
" All Saints', Saugatuck, \$2 70, S. S. \$5 00	7 70
" S. James', Rockford	1 15
" Sherman Mission	1 54
" S. John's, Quincy	6 26
" " Harbor Springs	24 68
" Grace, Union City	10 37
" S. Paul's, Elk Rapids, \$17 23, S. S. \$8 00	25 23
" S. Matthew's, Baldwin	1 57
" S. Andrew's, Big Rapids	30 00
" Kalkaska	6 75
" S. Mark's, Paw Paw	9 68
" Calvary Mission, Howard City	4 19
" Charlevoix	9 71
" Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	6 66
" S. Matthias', Eaton Rapids	1 57
" S. James', Pentwater	5 00
" S. Mark's, Coldwater	64 09
" John's, Mt. Pleasant	20 00
" Emmanuel, Hastings	85 00
" S. Thomas', Battle Creek	65 00
" S. Paul's, Grand Rapids	3 80
" Good Shepherd, Allegan, S. S. \$10 00. Miss Wilkes' class, \$10 00	20 00
" S. Mark's, Grand Rapids	500 00
" Trinity, Marshall	76 90
" " Three Rivers	13 97
" " Niles, \$16 40, S. S. \$5 00	21 40
" S. Paul's, Greenville	25 03
" Good Shepherd S. S., Grand Rapids	25 00
" Grace, Grand Rapids	60 00
" " Traverse City	20 00
" Rev. D. D. Chapin, Allegan	5 00
" Rev. R. E. Jones, Kalamazoo	15 00
" Hon. M. C. Burch, Grand Rapids	25 00

 \$3,565 93

CONTRA.

	1885	Cr.
Paid Rev. E. J. Babcock, General Missionary		\$800 00
" " A. Wetherbee, stipend.....		116 67
" " John H. Babcock, stipend.....		152 50
" " Belno A. Brown, stipend		100 00
" " W. S. Hayward, stipend.....		300 00
" " James A. McGlone, stipend		187 50
" " G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., stipend		87 50
" " Joseph B. Prichard, stipend		200 00
" " M. S. Woodruff, stipend.....		31 25
" " C. C. Tate, expense account.....		11 00
Transferred to Deaf Mute Fund.....		50 00
" " Book and Tract Fund.....		50 00
Paid F. A. Gorham, Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, donation made by Rev. R. H. Palne		10 00
Paid Rev. J. W. Bancroft, from same for <i>Church Helper</i>		5 00
" " C. C. Tate, services rendered at Harbor Springs.....		20 00
" " Herbert J. Cook, services at Harbor Springs		10 00
" " P. Macfarlane, services at Harbor Springs.....		10 00
" " J. W. Bancroft, services at Harbor Springs.....		10 00
" " J. H. Babcock, services at Harbor Springs.....		10 00
" Mrs. Hadley, Secretary of Woman's Auxillary		10 00
" Rev. James A. McGlone, expense account.....		5 00
" C. B. Mosher, expense account.....		6 00
" Rev. J. W. Bancroft, for Clerical Services on <i>Church Helper</i>		50 00
" A Clergyman per order of the Bishop.....		75 00
" Postage and Receipt Book.....		3 73
June 3, 1885.		
Balance in hand.....		1,254 18
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		\$3,565 93

LIST OF UNPAID PLEDGES AND BALANCES DUE.

When made.

1875. Rev. S. H. Woodford	\$5 00
1876. S. Paul's, Greenville, balance.....	9 31
1877. Trinity, Saranac.....	1 97
1881. Courtland Center.....	5 00
1881. Grace, Lyons.....	1 00
1882. S. Paul's, Grand Rapids	4 95
1882. South Haven.....	5 00
1882. Rev. R. N. Avery.....	20 00
1882. Henry C. Matrau.....	6 00
1882. L. W. Bean	5 00
1882, 3, 4. Good Shepherd, Allegan	103 00
1882, 3, 4. Trinity, Niles	84 02
1882, 3, 4. All Saints', Saugatuck.....	17 33
1883. S. John's, Grand Haven.....	30 00
1883, 1884. S. John's, Ionia.....	45 53
1883. Grace, Grand Rapids	55 00
1883. S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo	5 00

1883.	Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.....	13	34
1882, 3, 4.	S. John's, Quincy	12	92
1883.	A Lady Communicant, Paw Paw.....	45	00
1883.	Rev. C. C. Tate.....	5	00
1883.	L. C. Chapin, M. D.....	20	00
1883.	Thomas Pierce.....	5	00
1884.	Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.....	25	00
1884.	S. Mark's, Coldwater.....	10	31
1884.	Christ, Homer	5	00
1884.	Trinity, Marshall.....	23	10
1884.	S. Paul's, Muskegon.....	12	95
1884.	Grace, Traverse City.....	10	00
1884.	S. Matthew's, Baldwin.....	3	43
1884.	Mendon	10	00
1884.	S. James', Rockford.....	3	85
1884.	Grace, Holland	15	00
1884.	Hon. J. Eastman Johnson.....	10	00
1884.	Calvary Mission, Howard City.....	81	
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		\$643 82	

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Fund for Candidates for Holy Orders:

June 11, 1884.		Dr.
To amount due Bishop's Trust Fund.....		\$56 08
CONTRA.		
June 12, 1884.		Cr.
Received from S. Andrew's, Big Rapids	\$3 00	
June 30.		
Received from S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	11 00	
June 2, 1885.		
Received from S. John's, Ionia.....	1 83	
Balance due Bishop's Trust Fund.....	40 15	\$56 08

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Deaf Mute Fund:

July 16, 1884.		Dr.
Transferred from Diocesan Mission Fund.....	\$50 00	
Sept.		
Received from Emmanuel Church, Hastings.....	3 23	
" " S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	3 00	
" " S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	2 50	
" " Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	37 66	
" " Paul's Mission, Manistee.....	37	
" " Rev. W. S. Hayward.....	1 00	\$97 76
CONTRA.		
June 11, 1884.		Cr.
Balance due Treasurer	\$5 03	
Paid Rev. A. W. Mann, stipend	50 00	
June 2, 1885.		
Balance in hand	42 73	\$97 76

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In Account with Book and Tract Fund:

June 11, 1884.		Dr.
Cash in hand	\$12 71	
Transferred from Diocesan Mission Fund	60 00	\$62 71

CONTRA.

July 3, 1884.		Cr.
Paid the Bishop's order to Dennis & Slingerland for printing Pastoral	\$2 50	
August		
Paid Isaac S. Dygert bill for printing, per order	1 50	
" Bishop's order to Rev. J. B. Prichard, for Prayer Books	10 00	
" " " Rev. B. A. Brown, " " "	5 00	
" T. Whittaker for Mission Services per order	2 30	
Sept.		
Paid Rev. C. C. Tate, Prayer Books for Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor	10 00	
Oct.		
Paid James Pott & Co., Bill of Books sent to Charlevoix as per order	10 68	
Dec.		
Paid T. Whittaker acct. for Mission Services, etc., to Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.	2 00	
April, 1885.		
Paid Bishop's order to Rev. B. A. Brown for Prayer Books	15 00	
" Postage and exchange	37	
June 2.		
Cash balance in hand	3 36	\$62 71

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Bishop's Trust Fund:

June 11, 1884.		Dr.
Cash in hand	\$126 57	
1885.		
Received from S. John's, Quincy	50	
" " Emmanuel, Hastings, S. S., Willing Hands	1 50	
" " S. Mark's, Industrial Band, Grand Rapids	30 00	
" " the Bishop, balance returned	3 51	
" " Mothers' Meeting in the Church of S. John Evangelist, Philadelphia, Pa., through the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer	20 00	
Received from Mrs. G. D'H. Gillespie, New York	100 00	
" " Mount Calvary Church Baltimore, Md. per Rev. R. H. Palne	5 00	
Received from Fund, Candidates Holy Orders	15 93	\$303 01

CONTRA.

June 20, 1884.		Cr.
Paid expense of Rev. Dr. Hartzell	\$5 00	
July 3.		
Paid Dennis & Slingerland printing Pastorals, etc., per order	2 25	
July 26.		
Paid Dennis & Slingerland, printing	1 25	
August 23.		
Paid James Pott & Co. for Prayer Books, sent to Chaplain of Jackson Prison	3 55	

Sept. 29.	
Expenses of Clergy attending Grand Rapids Convocation.....	5 00
Oct. 6.	
Paid Dennis & Slingerland, printing	2 00
Oct. 27.	
Paid Isaac S. Dygert for printing.....	1 00
Oct. 29.	
Paid Eaton, Lyon & Co. account, per order	6 06
Nov. 29.	
Paid Dennis & Slingerland account, printing.....	1 25
Dec. 12.	
Paid James Pott & Co. Bill of Almanacs, '85	4 50
Jan. 12, 1885.	
Paid Bishop Gillespie, his acct. for bill of items rendered to date....	5 45
Feb. 20.	
Paid Dennis & Slingerland, printing.....	75
March 26.	
Paid Chas. Hutchins for 15 copies Notifications sent the Clergy... .	3 75
April 1.	
Paid Dennis & Slingerland account, per order	1 65
April 11.	
Paid Bishop Gillespie his accounts rendered to date.....	4 99
" " " for traveling expense of Clergy to Semi-An-	
nual Missionary Meeting.	35 00
May 11.	
Paid Rev. Charles S. Hutchins for 12 copies Notifications of the	
proposed Changes in Prayer Book, sent the Clergy.....	3 00
June 3.	
Paid Rev. J. F. Conover, travelling expenses per request of the	
Bishop	15 00
Paid Postage and Exchange.....	46
Balance to new account.....	201 11 \$303 01

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Hastings, June 2, 1885.

Missionary addresses were made by Rev. James A. McGlone, Mr. Edwin F. Sweet and Rev. John N. Rippey. After which pledges were made to the Board of Missions as follow:

PARISHES.

Ablon, S. James'	
Allegan, Good Shepherd, [S. S. \$10] [Miss Wilkes' class \$10]	\$20 00
Battle Creek, [S. S. \$20]	70 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	30 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's	50 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	
Grand Haven, S. John's	
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	500 00

Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	10 00
Grand Rapids, Grace	40 00
Hastings, Emmanuel [S. S. \$5]	65 00
Holland, Grace	
Homer, Christ	
Ionia, S. John's	25 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	200 00
Ludington, Grace	
Marshall, Trinity	100 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's [S. S. \$10]	40 00
Niles, Trinity	
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	
Saranac, Trinity	5 00
Saugatuck, All Saints' [S. S. \$5]	10 00
Three Rivers, Trinity	
Traverse City, Grace	20 00
Union City, Grace	5 00
Whitehall, Redeemer	

MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's	5 00
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity [S. S. \$1 00]	11 00
Grand Rapids, Good Shepherd S. S.	10 00
Grand Rapids, Good Samaritan S. S.	5 00
Greenville, S. Paul's	25 00
Manistee, S. Paul's	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	20 00
Pentwater, S. James'	5 00
Quincy, S. John's	10 00

INDIVIDUALS.

Rev. W. W. Taylor	10 00
Clement Wakelee	10 00
E. F. Sweet	10 00
Wm. F. Bulkley	10 00
C. G. Swensburg	10 00
Richard Mercer	20 00
Mrs. E. P. Fuller	50 00
Mrs. Loraine Z. Richmond	5 00
Francis S. Hillyer, M. D.	3 00
George R. Allen	5 00
Mrs. E. F. Sweet	5 00
E. G. Rote	5 00
Rev. J. N. Rippey	10 00
Mrs. G. T. Clarke	5 00
Rev. Robert E. Jones	10 00
" Joseph B. Prichard	5 00
" Moseley Morris	5 00
" Dr. Eastman	1 00
H. C. (or N. C.)	2 00
From Parishes, \$1,190; Missions, \$101; Individuals, \$181; total	\$1,472

N. B.—The Pledges of Sunday Schools are given in brackets and *included* in the total pledge of each Parish.

The Convention adjourned to the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

June 4, 9 A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. J. Rice Taylor, Moseley Morris and Joseph S. Large.

The Rolls were called.

Messrs. E. F. Sweet and C. Wakelee were excused from further attendance upon Convention.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions read his Report which was accepted and referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

CANON II. Sec. 2, (3).

The Committee on *unfinished Business* had leave to report in advance of its order.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they find on page seven of the Journal of the last Convention these Committees holding over to this Convention to report; viz.: On Church Incorporation and Tenure of Church property; On Divorce Legislation; On the "Book Annexed," Resolutions I. to IV. inclusive; and on the same, Resolutions V. to XII. inclusive.

C. C. TATE.
J. E. JOHNSON.
H. N. ELKINGTON.

The Convention proceeded to dispose of the Unfinished Business:

The Rev. D. D. Chapin, Chairman, presented and read the Report of the Committee on *Church Incorporation and Tenure of Church Property*, which was accepted, and, on motion

of the Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh the resolution appended to the same was adopted and the Committee continued for another year.

The Committee on Church Incorporations and Tenure of Property has little of interest this year to report.

Some communication with members of the Diocese of Michigan has been held, but there seems at present little disposition in that Diocese even to consider the subject. It was hoped that something could be done during the current session of the Legislature to bring the present statute governing the organization and control of Parishes in some respects more into harmony with Church principles; but, without co-operation from the other Diocese, nothing can be done. Still, it is hopeful that in time it may be accomplished.

The recommendations of former reports in regard to the desirability of the title of Church property being placed in the Diocesan Corporation is reiterated.

The need of greater care in regard to the title to Church property is everywhere felt, and during the past year at least two States, California and Minnesota, have passed statutes allowing Diocesan incorporation. In the former the Diocese itself can now have corporate existence under the law, but in Minnesota, owing to Constitutional difficulty, the Diocese itself has not been able to incorporate, but the Diocesan Council can do so. It is most desirable that the Diocese be incorporated when it can be done.

The Committee urge the continuance of calling attention to this matter, hoping that in due time the desired end may be accomplished.

We beg to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Committee be continued, or some other in its place be constituted, to which the matter be further committed.

[SIGNED.]

D. D. CHAPIN.
R. E. JONES.

The Rev. S. Burford, Chairman of the Committee on *Divorce Legislation* reported:

The Committee appointed at the Tenth Annual Convention to urge upon the Legislature of the State of Michigan the repeal of the present Divorce Laws, and to enact another law, granting absolute Divorce, only "In cases where actual adultery is proved in open court," beg leave to report that a Bill to that effect was prepared and presented by us to the Legislature. It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The Chairman of your Committee appeared before that Committee and received an attentive and courteous hearing. We took all proper steps to secure a favorable report. But the Committee were unwilling to recommend it, reported adversely, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The legislature acted accordingly.

Your Committee hope, however, that good seed has been sown. At some future day, if agitation is kept up in the pulpit and through the press, a Legislature com-

posed of different material, may be disposed to help forward so needful a reformation.

We have tried to perform the duty imposed upon us by you, and regret that our efforts were not successful, and can now only urge unceasing agitation upon so important a question. We beg to be discharged from further attention to the subject.

S. BURFORD.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Chapin, the Committee on Divorce Legislation was continued with enlarged functions to consider also and report on the Marriage Laws of the State.

The Rev. C. C. Tate, Chairman of the Committee on the "*Book Annexed*," resolutions I.-IV. reported:

Your Committee to whom was referred Resolutions I., II., III., and IV. of the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer, beg leave to report: The Resolutions are

- I. The Title page,
- II. The Introductory Portion,
- III. The Daily Morning Prayer,
- IV. The Daily Evening Prayer.

The Book Annexed containing the proposed changes has for some reason unknown to us been delayed until very recently. Since it has been in our hands we have given it careful examination. We are amazed at the amount of care and study given to its preparation by the Joint Committee and the last General Convention. As a Book of Common Prayer, it is a most valuable contribution to the Devotional Literature. In this report our attention has been confined to the four Resolutions committed to us.

Your Committee, in view of the fact that the Book Annexed is now before this Convention, do not deem it necessary to note the changes proposed, neither are we able to unite upon any recommendation as to the course to be pursued by this Convention. While we admit that many of the proposed changes are indeed "enrichments" and will be so received by the Church, yet are not prepared to urge this Convention to approve of the four resolutions submitted to us, until they have been considered by the Church much longer than the short time between the General Conventions. "Enrichment and flexibility" are demanded, but we believe that much longer time is needed, to perfect the changes proposed in the first four Resolutions. We ask that the matter be further considered, and urge that this Convention insist that much more Liturgic study and consideration be given by the Church and General Convention before the proposed changes in our Book of Common Prayer are made and set forth to be used in the Church.

C. C. TATE,
J. S. LARGE,
D. D. CHAPIN,
W. N. BROWN,
E. F. SWEET.

The Report was accepted.

The Rev. Artemas Wetherbee, Chairman of the Committee on the "*Book Annexed*," resolutions V. to XII., reported:

Your Committee, to which was assigned the second division of the proposed alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer, concerning the resolutions, V. to XII. inclusive, of the last General Convention, report that it has examined the contents of said Resolutions, which embrace so much of the Prayer Book as is contained between the Daily Evening Prayer and the Public Baptism of infants.

While the Committee might desire some slight modifications in reference to the proposed alterations and additions, yet they deem it more in consonance with the nature and spirit of the Resolutions of the General Convention to present the subject, entire and intact to this Convention for its consideration: and if any changes are desired, they might more advantageously be embodied in independent resolutions.

ARTEMAS WETHERBEE.

The Report was accepted.

The Committee on the *Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention* reported:

We the undersigned Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen to whom was referred the annual report of the Treasurer, would most respectfully report that we have examined his financial statement to this Convention and the vouchers which accompany the same and that the same are correct. We would further report that we find the said Treasurer has received from various Parishes since his report was made and since his arrival at the Convention the sum of two hundred twenty-five one-100 dollars, (\$225.01), making the total amount in his hands five hundred forty-four and thirty-six-100 Dollars, (\$544.36).

A. F. CALKINS.
C. WAKELEE.
GEO. P. UTLEY.

The Report was accepted.

A special Report was submitted by the same Committee:

Your Committee have had under consideration so much of the Bishop's address as was referred to them by the Convention, viz. suggesting that \$100 annually be added to the assessment for the next two years, to be kept as a fund to provide for the expenses of the Deputies to the General Convention of 1886.

It is the opinion of the Committee and we therefore report, that until the list of Parishes in arrears for assessments be materially reduced in number it is unwise

to make such assessments greater than is absolutely required for the necessary current expenses of the Convention.

A. E. CALKINS.
C. WAKELEE.
GEO. P. UTLEY.

The Report was accepted.

The Committee on the *Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan* reported :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, would respectfully submit, that they have had said report under consideration, and find that the securities and funds, mentioned therein, have been duly examined and certified by the Auditing Committee, who report the same correct.

Your Committee would recommend that to meet the demands for the ensuing year as indicated by the report of the Treasurer of the Association, an assessment of one thousand dollars be made on the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese for the Episcopal Fund to pay the deficit in the salary, and defray the expenses of repairs of the Episcopal residence. The Bishop has again with his charitable generosity donated to the Diocese, seven hundred dollars, and your Committee hope that this is the last time in the history of the Diocese when the Association will be obliged to accept so large a portion of the small salary paid our beloved Bishop in order to meet its obligations. The Committee therefore recommend that the Convention in behalf of the Church people, throughout the Diocese, return to the Bishop their appreciative thanks for his continued and liberal donations to the too oft and too much depleted Treasury of the Episcopal Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. S. LARGE.
ALEXANDER OVERBY.
HENRY BREES.
WILLIAM N. BROWN.
E. G. ROTE.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman presented and read the Report of the Committee on *Christian Education* :

In placing a Report upon Christian Education in the programme of our yearly Convention your Committee are constrained to think something more was expected than an elaborate essay upon that vitally important subject. If the training of the sons of God to live to his glory be the true definition of Education there cannot be a question as to the propriety of discussing the best practicable means by which its grand results may be in the largest measure realized. Comprehending within its scope both the present and the future worlds, such Education is at all times to be classed among the most precious blessings rendered possible of attainment by

the incarnation of the blessed Redeemer, the ministration of the Spirit and the services of men and angels ordained and constituted in a wonderful order. But we are living in the midst of an order of things without a parallel since the years immediately preceding the French Revolution. We are confronted with an organized infidelity, bold and invasive, sending its apostles into city and hamlet and and there finding political platforms, halls of music and sometimes Christian Churches crowded with listeners of every grade in the social scale, prepared by the love and practice of sin to make their hearts believing listeners to their own vile wishes. No statesman expounding the principles of good government, no advocate pleading for the life of the unfortunate victim maliciously sought by an excited and enraged populace, nor preacher of righteousness, is heard with such rapt attention as these teachers who repeat the cliche and oft refuted arguments against the Religion of Christ or flash the brilliancy of a stolen wit before their motly listeners. But if this be a sign which a more advanced science and a more observant estimate of the effects of infidel sentiments upon individual and public happiness may be thought able to avert, there is yet another more threatening.

The ears of Christians are frequently shocked by the expression of doubts concerning the utterances of Moses and the miracles of Christ from beardless boys and misses in their teens, sometimes even from those whose names are on the rolls of Sunday Schools and the rosters of Academies and Colleges. These youthful seekers of notoriety, Incapable of distinction through mental superiority or more polished manners, affect to outrank their peers by abjuring the common reverence for the Bible and the Church. The virus which is perverting so widely our young men has been insidiously mingled and all unconsciously imbibed from the luscious diet of poetry and romance. A venal press is scattering broadcast through the land the elements which are multiplying youthful criminals and forming a host of other Catalines and their ready followers, should we refuse to hear the voice of God in our prosperity, and bring down the just judgment of heaven upon the Country in the shape of another civil war. Can anything avert these omens which hang like a dark cloud upon the sky of our future, but Christian culture of the rising generations? Shall we seek to make religion a more potent element in the Church and State, giving it enlarged influence in the voluntary associations for securing temperance, purity and obedience to law? Shall we hope to compass this end by some new institution or some invention untried and having the charm of novelty to give it prestige? Is there any ground to hope for such a return to unity among the severed ranks of Christendom as shall bring back the one faith to its pristine, manly vigor, wed it to a sense of duty, give it the place usurped by opinion and metaphysical abstraction? All attempts of men for this purpose have hitherto proved abortive. None but He who chartered the universal Church can govern the unruly wills and affections of sinful men and wipe the stain of causeless and wicked schism from the character of his professed disciples. Regret as we must this impediment to a uniform system of religious teaching in the public schools we can but endorse the organic law of our government which precludes all partial legislation in the interest of any of the many religious organisms.

This state is among the very foremost in magnificent provision for the education of every child in those studies which enable him to do common business and to understand the laws and his duties as a citizen and freeman. We feel no little pride in the character and management of these schools. Their teachers are generally professors of religion and with few exceptions of good moral character and of competent attainments. They do their best no doubt to check profanity, to inculcate good manners and to govern their pupils with firmness and a lively sensibility to the plastic influence of their words, looks and actions upon the after life of those committed to their care. Instead of antagonizing the Church to these institutions, we would recommend a deeper and more pronounced interest both in

the teachers and the pupils of their several departments. Frequent visits to the schools not only to witness some special exercises but on ordinary school days, may give the Clergy and others opportunity to say a few words of serious counsel which may take deep root in young minds and be as good seed springing up into attractive blossom and issuing in fruits of true holiness. With the means already in our hands, the equal right of churchmen with all others in the election of our State and Municipal Boards of Education, in the modification of the school laws, and the employment of teachers; it is manifestly a waste of time to seek other instrumentalities, or to go about forbidding those we find casting out devils because they use not our form of exorcism. For the mitigation and cure of the moral evils of a system of mental training without a creed or catechism embodying the first principles of christian ethics and defining our duties to God and our duty to our neighbor which are first and last and all through life to be learned and practiced, the panacea advertised by the Great Physician of souls will ever prove itself the only antidote. The family, the Church and civil government are the authorized agents for dispensing these infallible specifics. Woe be to these if they adulterate them with poisonous compounds, or bury them unused like the wicked servant the talents committed to his care. Of these three organisms of divine origin we have only time to add a few words of the family. We speak of this because it is the primary school of Christian culture and therefore most important, as the beginning of any work affects the whole progress and completion. Says Bishop Lay, The greatest need of the Church at this time is the cultivation of domestic piety. This is a truth patent to the most superficial observer. There are many households where the name of God is rarely heard in mother's prayers for and with her loved ones and where obedience is only enforced by harshness and blows. And there are many others where the judgement of the child dominates the reason of the parents and his sweet will is indulged at the sacrifice of parental authority. Were the children of every household early disciplined to Christ in Holy Baptism; the parts and duties of God-fathers and God-mothers faithfully performed; the priestly ministrations of the father of the family in reverent morning and evening service of prayer and praise, never omitted; who can doubt that the evils of indifference which everywhere are depleting the Church would disappear and the Kingdom of Christ be blessed with loyal members and our schools filled with obedient youths walking in the ways of wisdom, and as they grow in age growing in favor with God and man.

G. C. V. EASTMAN,
R. E. JONES,
E. G. NOCK.
E. F. SWEET,
THOS. A. PARISH.

The Report was accepted.

The Committee on *Canons* submitted its Report:

Your Committee on Canons to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to change of Canons, also the changes proposed by Rev. J. W. Bancroft and Rev. A. Overby, respectfully report:

1. The Committee present to the Convention the recommendations of the Bishop as to changing the manner of Missions reporting and contributing, to the Board of Missions etc. without agreeing to the proposed changes, believing that many objections can be stated to such a plan.

2. The Committee agree to and recommend the proposed change in Canon XX., Sec. 3, sub-section II., to strike out the words "not only as the easiest way of raising money and of dividing the expenses equally among the people but also."

3. They also recommend striking out all of paragraph IV., Sec. III., except the last sentence.

4. We also report favorably upon the recommendation of the Bishop to create among the Standing Committees a Committee on the State of the Church.

5. Your Committee also recommend the change as proposed by the Bishop in Canon 8, Sec. I., line 10, after "recording" insert "*but the Wardens shall not drop from the list the name of any person resident in the Parish.*"

6. Your Committee agree to and recommend the adoption of the changes as proposed by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, of Constitution and Canons; viz: Art. V., Art. VI., and Art. IX. Also Canon II., Sec. 1, after third line and Sec. 3, line seven.

Your Committee present but do not recommend the proposed change of Canon XI., as suggested by Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

8. Your Committee respectfully report back without recommendation the Resolution of Rev. A. Overby as to proposed change in the seventh line, Canon IX., Sec. II.

D. D. CHAPIN,
F. C. COOLBAUGH,
W. R. SHELBY,
W. J. DIBBLE.

The Report was accepted.

1. The Rev. Herbert J. Cook moved to amend Canon XX., Sec. 3, §1. by striking out the words, "to the Board of Missions." Lost; ayes 17; noes 13.

2. The amendment of Canon XX., Sec. 3, §2, as recommended by the Committee was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

3. The amendment of Canon XX., Sec. 3, §4, as recommended by the Committee was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

4. The proposed amendment of Canon II., Sec. 1, 7th, by an additional Committee was lost, not having the required majority. Ayes 19, noes 13.

5. The proposed amendment of Canon VIII., Sec. 1, line 10, as recommended by the Committee, was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

6. The proposed change of Article V. of the Constitution, to-wit: Strike out the first sentence and substitute—"At the first morning session of the Convention there shall be a Celebration of the Holy Communion, Morning Prayer having been said at any convenient hour. When the Convention

opens with an evening session, Evening Prayer shall be said after the reference of the credentials of Lay Delegates as provided in Canon II.", received the unanimous vote of both Clergy and Laity and lies "over to the next Convention" for final adoption or rejection.

Pending a motion to adopt the proposed alterations of Const., Art. VI., as recommended by the Committee on Canons, the Special Committee on the same subject, through its Chairman, Rev. J. N. Rippey, reported:

Your Committee appointed to consider the propriety of admitting certain officers to membership in the Convention respectfully report that they find so many Constitutional difficulties they recommend that the subject be referred to the Committee on Canons to report at next Convention such constitutional changes and provisions as may meet the requirements of the case.

J. N. RIPPEY,
L. C. CHAPIN,
WM. N. BROWN.

Mr. Shelby moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. Brown moved to refer the same to the Committee on Canons to report to this Convention; which latter motion prevailed.

The Convention took a recess to the hour of 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

1:30 o'clock.

The Rev. James A. McGlone and Mr. J. Eastman Johnson were excused from further attendance.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Canons, specification 6, was resumed.

The proposed alteration of article VI. received the following vote: Clergy, yeas, 9, nays 1; Laity, yeas 11, nays 8; and was declared "lost by non-concurrence" of orders.

The proposed alteration of Article IX. received the follow-

ing vote: Clergy, yeas 8, nays 1; Laity, yeas 11, nays 6; and was declared "lost."

The proposed change of Canon II., to-wit: in Sec. 1, line 3, after the word "follows," add; "*provided*, that when the first session of the Convention is an evening session, this order may be proceeded with as far as judged convenient and resumed the next morning;" was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

The proposed change of Canon II., Sec. 3, by striking out in the seventh line the words "and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary," with the insertion of the word "and" before the word "Deputies" in the preceding line, was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

7. The Convention adopted the report of the Committee on Canons, which was adverse to the proposed change of Canon XI.

8. The question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Canons withholding approval of the proposed change in Canon IX., Sec. 2, the Rev. Alexander Overby moved that the original resolution as presented by him be adopted; to-wit: strike out the word "male" in the seventh line of said Section.

The Rev. Herbert J. Cook offered the following:

Resolved, that this matter be laid on the table for one year; and that the question of voting on the part of women be submitted to the Parishes and Missions at the next Easter meeting, and the result reported to the Convention by the Secretaries.

Division of the question was called for and the vote on the first part was lost by ayes 15, nays 22.

Mr. Shelby moved that the second part of Mr. Cook's resolution be tabled, which motion prevailed.

Pending the vote on Mr. Overby's resolution, the Rev. Messrs. Burford, Nock, Cook, Chapin and Mr. L. C. Chapin called for a "vote by orders."

The Chair ruled that a two-thirds vote of each order would be necessary to carry the resolution.

The vote resulted; Clergy, yeas 11, nays 7; Laity, yeas 11, nays 8; and the resolution was lost.

The Rev. John N. Rippey and Mr. E. G. Rote were granted leave of absence.

The Rev. Mr. Burford, Chairman, presented and read the Report of the Committee on *Church Literature*.

Your Committee "on Church Literature" beg leave to report that nothing new or striking can be suggested upon such a topic. The literary field stands thick with an immense variety of plants, both bad and good, leading us to believe that in our times the prophecy is finding a large fulfillment: "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." The inventive genius of the age, which is multiplying machinery to supply articles of comfort, luxury and necessity for the millions of population, now increasing so rapidly in this western world, is busy in finding out more approved and more rapid methods for the dissemination of printed knowledge. There are, doubtless, more printing presses and more people engaged in writing and preparing material for them than there are school houses and teachers. The power and the products of the printing office are wonderfully dynamic. The printed page of newspaper, magazine, and the multitudes of pamphlets and bound volumes are working out results which startle if they do not appeal the stoutest hearts and minds, among the good and the philanthropic. In the days of our immediate ancestors the Sunday School books, and the current weekly religious newspaper, along with the pulpit lectures and sermons, were the triple factors which formed and directed public opinion upon the important social and religious problems of the age. Their power, we fear, is somewhat diminished. We do not believe their influence is moribund. "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace his goods are in peace," but we must be careful that a stronger than he does not capture him and bind him. The secular spirit is abroad and is demanding large attention. Utility is the personal god, which cries aloud for worshippers and is securing millions of devotees. The worldly spirit is penetrating every nook and corner of social, commercial and domestic life. What is the duty of the Church in view of all this? Must she simply fold her arms and confess impotency? Must she quail because Goliath reproaches and cometh on so fast? Must we acknowledge that better and stronger weapons are in the hands of the secular press than in the armory of the Church militant? Must we, therefore, retreat and get us into high towers and granite fortresses, from which we will pitifully plead to be allowed to live and not die? Not so! The days for apologetic theology and literature are passing, and we must go forth boldly into the open field—not even waiting to beat back a coming foe, but charge home upon the armies of infidelity, skepticism, agnosticism and secularism, and let them know that our swords are well tempered and our arms are still strong to wield them.

How can we do this? By the dissemination of sound Church literature in our homes, in the temple of God, in the streets, in the schools, both Sunday and weekday. There are large religious societies all around us who are kept up by their intense activity in the free or very cheap circulation of weekly papers and tracts, and the constant sale of their books. Their paid agents are running to and fro

throughout the land to give and sell their publications. We can but think that if some general board of the Church had a score or more of skillful and zealous colporteurs going up and down through the Dioceses, carrying the gleaming torches of the Church literature into every Church family, there would be an impetus given to the study and understanding of her superior claims—there would be, ere long, a race of Church giants who would be ready and dare to tell why they are Churchmen and cannot be anything else. By some such method we would be able to sweep away the cobweb ideas that the Church is simply a voluntary society, existing to please certain differences of religious taste and that one Church is as good as another. We have all seen the potent influence of even small books, like Bishop Randall's book, "Why am I a Churchman," or Bishop Burgess' "Stranger in the Church." There might be a table in the porch or vestibule of our Church buildings upon which might be displayed a full supply of our best tracts; catalogues of our leading books of Church instruction, embracing history, biography, missionary work of the Church's heroes, books of devotion and the current literature of the day as found in the best reviews, magazines and weekly journals. Thousands of valuable tracts, at least, might thus be circulated in the course of a year and an increased attention and interest be cultivated. Many of our people would be surprised to find what an array of authors of great learning and literary skill the Church presents in her galaxy. Then, too, why might we not spend one evening profitably in each week, in place of the regular lecture, in unfolding an analytical panorama of Church literature in its many-sided and highly-cultivated aspects? The suggestion and recommendation of a well-filled rector would stimulate study and the circulation of many grand books. Classes might be formed similar to circles now in operation among some religious bodies and a new interest and attention thus be provoked. A well-instructed Churchman is a power in any community, and often results in making a wilderness to blossom into a well-watered and fruitful garden of the Lord. A reading Churchman is the most useful and doubtless the most devout.

There is a broad field open to the Church respecting a weekly newspaper, which shall be cheap enough, good enough, and well adapted to a harmonious and truly Catholic Churchmanship. We have a number of Church Journals which are ably edited and filled with much matter, but they are either too expensive or too cheap with controversial and doubtful Churchmanship, to obtain a large circulation or receive the indorsement of the Bishop and Clergy. If some large pursed and generous person would only devote \$100,000 to the establishment and maintenance of a Church paper, under a brainy and truly orthodox Churchman, wielding a facile pen, there is no doubt that 100,000 readers could be procured in this American Church. It is like the theological schools—we have quantity enough, but we need most of all concentrated power and genuine merit in the quality. If the General Convention, under the guidance of the Bishops, could send forth a grand journal representing Catholic truth and apostolic order, fully flavored with American civilization and ideas, a great desideratum would be met. There are Clergymen in this Church who would be equal to the enterprise and give us what we need. We would suggest, further, that the Clergy should recommend from time to time in sermon and lectures the books which ought to be on the shelves, and be read by Church families. While Sunday School libraries are an expensive luxury, especially in smaller Parishes, we can but believe that a well chosen library will yield excellent dividends in creating and moulding a Churchmanship which will live to bless and benefit the world and bring glory to God and His kingdom. Your Committee urge upon the Clergy to use all diligence in getting standard Church literature into the hands of their people, and thus be informed with all that is strong, good and true in the past, and that which comes to us in this age of wonderful intellectual development. We venture to suggest that if our Bishop would prepare

and issue through our admirable and well conducted Diocesan organ, *The Church Helper*, a list of the best Church books for young and old, it would be a valuable aid in disseminating Church literature.

E. S. BURFORD.
J. B. PRICHARD.
J. N. RIPPEY.
A. LILLEY.
JOHN YOUNG.

The report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. D. D. Chapin,

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Convention are due to the Rev. Dr. Conover of Wisconsin for his very able sermon on Temperance, delivered before the Convention on Tuesday evening; and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to him the sense of this resolution.

ELECTIONS being in order the Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Treasurer of the Convention, Rev. W. W. Taylor and Mr. W. N. Brown.

On motion of Mr. E. H. Hunt,

Resolved, that the correspondence in regard to the gift to the Diocesan, together with a statement of the Parishes contributing, be entered on the Journal in accordance with the recommendation in the Bishop's Address.

Mr. A. E. Calkins was granted leave of absence.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

The number of ballots cast is 34. Necessary to a choice,
18. Mr. T. P. Sheldon having 29 votes is elected.

W. W. TAYLOR,
WM. N. BROWN.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Registrar. Rev. E. G. Nock and Mr. C. B. Mosher.

The Rev. Mr. Cook, Chairman, presented and read the report of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report:

Your Committee has had under consideration the important subject entrusted to them. While they recognize the fact that in this matter centers the real interest

and work for which we have assembled, the very full and admirable address of our beloved Diocesan relieves your committee of a large share of their labor. The state of the Church is the object of our individual work and united care. It is to advance her interests that we toil and pray in our Parishes and homes and in Conventions, Missionary Meetings and Convocations. For this are Churches, services and Sacraments, and every loyal disciple of Christ rejoices when the Church is in a healthy, progressive and growing condition, and he is filled with anxiety and sorrow when Zion languishes and the world asserts its unhallowed supremacy.

We meet on an interesting anniversary. It is no small cause for thanksgiving that the affairs of a young and feeble Diocese have been so wisely guided during the first decade of its existence. It is a most agreeable duty, therefore, for your Committee to voice the universal feeling of the Diocese, and to put on record our recognition and appreciation of our Bishop's self-denying and arduous labors, his wise judgment, his pastoral care and love and his godly life. We are sure that under any other leadership the Diocese would not stand as she does to-day, with foundations well and surely laid, with a united band of Clergy and Laity, with courage and hope for the future under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church who has been with us from the beginning.

Your Committee do not feel called upon to repeat the story that has been fully told by our Bishop. He has dwelt upon every particular of the work and has held it up to view both in light and shadow. Like him your Committee would thank God and take courage in the prospect before us. If so many substantial results have been secured in ten critical years what may not be accomplished in a generation? But our hopes will not be realized without united prayer and ceaseless work. Personal piety, family religion and a diligent use of all the means of grace were never more needed than in our day. The Church's system of training for the duties of life is perfect as it is divine. There is nothing needed but the universal and practical use of what we have in order to attain the object of our hopes. Your Committee would emphasize the words of the layman who addressed you at the Missionary Meeting last night, as to the need of Christian Laymen thoroughly consecrated to the Master's service. It will be to little purpose that they give their money if they withhold moral support; that they attend Vestry meetings and Conventions if they neglect the services and fail to carry the spirit of Christ into their places of business. Let the Clergy be faithful in baptizing and catechizing the young and bringing them to Confirmation; let them be good Pastors and wise to win souls for Christ; let them look for the Samuels and the Timothys for the Holy Ministry; and let the Laity second all their endeavors by word and personal example; and the flying years will have a glowing record on the State of the Church of Christ in this Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. COOK,
W. S. HAYWARD,
J. A. MCGLONE,
C. B. MOSHER.
A. COATES.

The Report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Robert E. Jones,

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rector and Laity, especially the ladies, of S. Mark's

Church, Grand Rapids, for their abounding hospitality in the entertainment of this Convention.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

The number of ballots cast for Registrar is 35. Necessary to a choice 18. The Rev. F. A. DeRosset received 33 votes and is elected.

E. G. NOCK.
C. B. MOSHER.

The Chair appointed as tellers of the Election of Standing Committee the Rev. A. Overby and Mr. T. A. Parish.

The Rev. Mr. Woodruff was granted leave of absence from the Convention.

On motion of Mr. W. J. Dibble,

Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention divide five dollars equally between the two Pages of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. D. D. Chapin five dollars were appropriated to the Sexton of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Mr. Wetherbee presented and read the Report of the Committee on the Report and accounts of the Board of Missions:

The Committee report that they have carefully considered so much of the address of the Bishop as relates to the Missions in the Diocese, and ask leave to present the following:

WHEREAS, the late Mrs. Mary T. Curtis, of Trinity Parish, Marshall, most generously presented the sum of \$2,200.00 to this Diocese, the same to be added to the Permanent Missionary Fund: Therefore

Resolved, that this noble and Christian gift is most gratefully received and acknowledged by this Convention.

Resolved, that this act of a woman, so devoted to the Church and so obedient to the Divine command, "to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only," may well be an example for us, and worthy of our emulation.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the nearest relatives of the deceased donor, and the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the persons who have so promptly transmitted the bequest to the Diocese.

The Committee have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the

Board of Missions, and report that they have found them correct, and the work of the Treasurer faithfully performed.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTEMAS WETHERBEE,
J. RICE TAYLOR,
L. C. CHAPIN,
H. A. GOODYEAR.

The Report was accepted and the resolutions adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tate the thanks of the Convention were given to the Choir-master and Choir of S. Mark's church for their delightful music at this Convention.

The Report of the Registrar of the Diocese, read by the Secretary, was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The donations to the Diocesan Library the past year have been four (4) volumes as follows:

No. 982. Religious tracts, 8. Christian education and Schools. Donor, Miss Cuming.

No. 983. The Life and Work of St. Paul. Farrar. Purchased.

No. 984. Dictionary of the Bible, Dr. Wm. Smith, Illustrated. Donor, Rev. Eugene J. Babcock.

No. 985. McCalla and Stavely's Church Annual, 1884, for the whole family. Donors. The Publishers.

For the purpose of completing files the following are our wants:

American Church Review, volume XXIII., No. 4; volume XXXI., Nos. 2, 3, 4; volume XXXII., Nos. 2, 5, 6, whole number 150.

The Churchman, volumes I.; II., to No. 42; volume LXVIII., No. 3, Supplement, *Living Church*, volume I.; volume 2, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Church Congress, 3d and 5th Reports.

Pastoral Letters, House of Bishops, all previous to 1835 except 1820, and in addition for the years 1844, 1863, 1869, 1868. Gifts of any of the foregoing are earnestly solicited.

The list of Journals of other Dioceses is complete save the following:

Arkansas, 1877; California 1883; Connecticut 1883, 1884; Iowa 1875; Minnesota 1881; 1883, 1884; Missouri 1883; Montana, Idaho and Utah 1876; North Carolina 1884; Ohio 1882, 1884; Oregon and Washington 1876, 1877, 1879; Oregon 1883, 1884; Pennsylvania 1884; Southern Ohio 1884; Texas 1875, 1882, 1883, 1884; Washington Territory 1882, Western Texas 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1884; Wisconsin 1884.

The property of which I am custodian is well preserved, methodically arranged, and all entries are made.

The accompanying resolution is hereby submitted:

Resolved, that the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for incidental expenses.

For disposal at this office are duplicate Journals of the Dioceses; *Spirit of Missions*, copies of *The Churchman*, *Living Church*, *Church Journal*, *Our Dioceses*,

Church year Book, 1870. Pastoral Letter House of Bishops, '74, '77, General Convention Proceedings (*Churchman* Edition), *Princeton Review*, and *American Church Review*.

No charge except for postage.

LATE REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

1884-85.

June 11th.

Grant from Convention..... \$25 00

Dec. 5, 1894.

Received from Treasurer \$5 00

REGISTRAR'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Dec. 3, 1884.

Paid postage and express \$3 28

Dec. 3, 1884.

Paid printing report..... 1 03

Jan. 28, 1885.

Paid postage and express 65

Due successor 04

\$5 00

F. A. DEROSSET,
Registrar.

Grand Rapids, June 2, 1885.

The Reports of the Convocations of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo were read by the respective Secretaries, the Rev. Edwin G. Nock and the Rev. Colin C. Tate, and accepted.

GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION—TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

There have been two meetings of the Grand Rapids Convocation during the past year. At the first meeting held in Trinity Church, Marshall, June 11th, in connection with the Annual Diocesan Convention, the Rev. J. S. Large was elected President and the Rev. P. Macfarlane, Secretary.

The second meeting of this Convocation was held in Grace Church, Grand Rapids, on the 23d and 24th of September. There were present the Bishop and the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Babcock, S. Burford, F. C. Coolbaugh, W. S. Hayward, J. S. Large, P. Macfarlane, J. A. McGlone, Alexander Overby and J. B. Prichard. At this meeting the programme was carried out, and the Missionary reports made by the Bishop and a number of the Clergy were of special interest.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. NOCK,
Secretary pro tem.

KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION—TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The past year has not been as satisfactory for various reasons as former years. At the first regular annual meeting, held during the Diocesan Convention at Mar-

shalt, June 12, 1884, the Rev. J. W. Bancroft was elected President and the Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary and Treasurer.

The second and only other meeting for the usual Convocation exercises was held in Mendon, Sept. 9, and 10, 1884.

The Bishop and three of the Clergy attended and the programme as arranged was carried out as far as possible. The Bishop remained throughout and with the assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Wetherbee, Tate, and Brown did all in his power to make the Convocation a success. Several of the Clergy were away on their vacation and some were detained by Parochial duties. The Convocation adjourned to meet in Albion, in February, but in February at the request of some of the Clergy the Bishop postponed the Convocation and appointed a "quiet day," at Allegan. It is to be hoped that the Brethren will endeavor to make the present year a more satisfactory one for the Kalamazoo Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. TATE,
Secretary.

DIOCESAN CHURCH CONFERENCE—TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

The first meeting of this body was held in S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 12, 13, and 14, 1884. The following subjects were presented by papers and discussed. "What is the Most Serious Obstacle to my work in my Parish?" "The Sunday School Helping not Hindering the Church," "The Rev. James Lloyd Breck," "The Prayer of Faith as Applied to the Sick." Sermons were delivered before the Woman's Auxilliary and to the children. In connection with this Conference there was a celebration of the Seabury Centennial.

There were present the Bishop, the Rev. R. L. Loughborough, Vicar of S. Alban's, England, and eleven of the Clergy of the Diocese.

The second meeting was held in Trinity Church, Niles, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 14, 15 and 16, 1885. The Bishop and twelve Clergymen were in attendance. The subjects discussed were, "The Ideal Church, or the Church as we wish it were," "The Church in New York City," "The Old Churches of Virginia," "The White Cross Movement," "The Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg, D. D." A Sermon was preached to the children and reports made of Sunday Schools and various societies and associations in the Church.

Receipts and expenditures as follows:

By the offertory	\$15 76
From the Bishop	29 36
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	\$45 12
Programmes, stationery and postage.....	\$8 94
Travelling expenses of Clergy.....	29 36
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	\$38 30

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Herbert J. Cook,

Resolved, that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to the Secretary of the Convention for his services.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh the printing and distribution of the usual number of copies of the Journal were authorized.

The Rector and Laymen from S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, were excused from further attendance.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh consideration of the subject matter of the communication from the Diocese of New Jersey was deferred to the next Annual Convention.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast 36; necessary to a choice 19; Rev. Mr. Bancroft received 33 votes, Rev. Mr. Burford 30, Rev. Mr. Tate 24, Rev. Mr. Cook 22, Mr. L. C. Chapin 80, Mr. W. J. Stuart 26, Mr. W. R. Shelby 19, and they are elected.

ALEXANDER OVERBY.
THO'S A. PARISH.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of the Board of Missions the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh and Mr. Geo. P. Utley.

The Convention was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Loughborough, of England.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Nock,

Resolved, that in order to carry out the suggestion of the Committee on Divorce—to keep up agitation, so as to obtain a repeal of the present Divorce law in this State, the Clergy be recommended to preach a sermon on marriage and divorce on the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany.

On motion of Mr. Tho's A. Parish it was voted that the minutes of this session relating to an appeal from the Chair be withheld from the printed proceedings.

The Chair was taken by the Rev. Mr. Large. The minutes of the session to this point were read and approved.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Number of ballots cast 31; necessary to a choice 16; the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh received 29 votes, the Rev. D. D. Cha-

pin 26, the Rev. C. C. Tate 23, the Rev. E. S. Burford 26, the Rev. J. N. Rippey 16, Mr. F. A. Gorham 27, Mr. W. R. Shelby 17, Mr. W. J. Dibble 26, Mr. C. B. Mosher 26, Mr. D. G. Robinson 24, and they are elected.

F. C. COOLBAUGH,
G. P. UTLEY.

Mr. W. R. Shelby was allowed to decline his election to the Board of Missions, and a ballot was ordered for an additional member of the Board.

On motion of Dr. L. C. Chapin it was voted that when we adjourn it shall be to the hour of 7:30 P. M.

The Tellers reported the election of Mr. Edwin F. Sweet, thus completing the canonical number of the Board of Missions.

The Convention took a recess as voted.

7:30 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, Bishop Gillespie taking the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft offered a resolution substantially renewing the second part of the Rev. Mr. Cook's resolution which had been tabled. Discussion followed in the course of which the mover withdrew and renewed, and again, with the consent of the Convention, withdrew his resolution.

Mr. A. Coates and Rev. Dr. Eastman were excused for remainder of the session.

The following resolution prepared by the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman D. D. was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that in endorsement of the words of the Bishop to the Rev. Mr. Loughborough and as an expression of fraternal feeling, the prayers of the Church for those at Sea be offered in behalf of our Reverend Brother on the last Sunday in August.

The Rev. Mr. Chapin moved that after the usual address from the Chair and the customary devotions, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The motion prevailed. The minutes were approved. The Convention rose and sang the *Gloria in Excelsis*, listened to the parting counsels and cheer of the Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, and, after the closing prayers, the Convention was declared adjourned without date.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
President.

Attest:

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary.

FREDERICK A. GORHAM,
Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop's Address.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

For the eleventh time, it becomes my duty, far more it is my pleasure, to lay before you the condition, and urge on you the interests, as they seem to me, guided I trust by the great Head of the Church, of that portion of the Lord's vast vineyard which to our serious responsibility, He has committed to our labors with our study and our prayers.

THE DIGNITY OF THE CONVENTION.

The meeting of a Diocesan Convention even to those who as members incorporate in this division of the Church, are bidden, and who by their lively interest, should rather be drawn, to its assemblage; is a matter scarcely of note. A few clergymen, few because the roll is not long, scarcely as many laymen, the yet stronger, sadder proof of what we speak of; assemble, with the chilling expression around of empty pews, rather than animated countenances. The Convention that should be asked for by every Parish that may receive it, and desired where hospitality lacks ability; finds itself a soon-returning guest, and would hesitate to accept the invitation were it not so covered with the welcome.

So it is, and we cannot now make it otherwise. And yet, this humble Convention that makes so slight an impression on the life of a busy city while it holds its two days session, is something wrought into the world's great destiny. It deals with "things not seen eternal," and so it comes before "the things which are seen that are temporal." We sitting

here engaged in a business, very much of which expresses itself in dry figures, and making laws which not one in a score of our own household will ever hear of; are yet in broader, more serious work, than our legislators in the stately halls of our capitol. The crowd that hurry past may say, this is vain boasting, but we utter it under the warrant that it shall yet be, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

There is a thought that grows out of this, that I may urge upon you. It is the obligation we impose upon ourselves and upon those we represent, in what we do, and determine we will do, here. I fear we lose sight of this. That very ordinary form of our action, "resolved" really expresses a very serious purpose, it involves the vow, and is something recorded in sight of heaven. Did we add, "the Lord being our helper," it would scarcely be more solemn. And yet it seems sometimes to be used as the setting aside of some difficult problem, the mere rest of deliberation. The same is true of the pecuniary obligations of the Convention. An assessment or a pledge, is a debt that has a special relation to the conscience of the individual or the Parish. It is beneath the tone of a holy convocation, that there should be any creeping out of discharge to the uttermost farthing, because, instead of bond required, honor is trusted. It is disloyalty not to be named, that a Parish honored by its connection with the Diocese, and under the protection of the Convention; should take shelter in self-defiance of the law it has helped to make.

Let us take time for our session, that nothing be done rashly, and then when we have made the record, let our "yea be yea, and our nay, nay." We are making history that in print will be handed down; let it not only honor our names and our day, but make a law for the Diocese in its day of greater strength.

THE DEATH OF THE REV. NORMAN JEFFERSON, DEACON.

The Rev. Norman Jefferson, deacon, for six months in charge of S. Paul's, Grand Rapids, died at Terrehaute, Indiana, November 15, 1884. Feeble in health and retiring in disposition, his brief ministry was under depressing circumstances. We trust his sudden call found him "meet for the Master's use" in a higher ministry.

CONFIRMATION.

We open our records with notice of the confirmed. The number of confirmands in 15 Parishes and 4 Missions is 195.

It seems but a small return for the toil of the laborers—so many services held, so many holy communions, so many sermons preached, and then the constant going in and out in ministries of the home, the guiding the children toward the “ways of pleasantness and the paths of peace.” Yet I know not that I can tell you of any more excellent way. We should have hope of more “leading the life according to the baptismal beginning,” with stated pastoral instruction, more systematic and advanced than the Sunday School can afford, and more intimate relation of the youth of the parish and their spiritual guide; but with school and business life, and very little home help; this is something that belongs rather to the ideal than the actual Parish. I know, pastors of the flock, your heart of anguish when you have none or only a few to present to the Bishop, and I would rather cheer than chide.

The Lenten season or soon after, has usually been considered the season for Confirmation. As the result of some thought, and observation, and conference with wise pastors; I am led to suggest, that the special preparation in the Parish should begin soon after Christmas, and the administration be appointed for the Ante-Lent period or early in the season. The work required to seek, to test, and to instruct candidates, is too onerous to add to the special duties of Lent. Then, the Confirmation over, the preaching and exhortation of the season might be very much directed to the young disciples, supplying the “going on unto perfection,” which after Easter is scarcely practicable. A well kept Lent would seem a very appropriate beginning of the life of pledged fidelity, forming and strengthening the habits for “daily increase in God’s Holy Spirit more and more.” A second administration might be had before the Convention if advisable. I commend the suggestion to your consideration.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

It would be a sad year that should deny us the heading in our address, the progress of the year. Even our disappointments, our sense of personal inefficiency, will not allow us to speak of labor bestowed wholly in vain. God’s work is too much in our work to allow us to think or

speak of a standing still Parish or Diocese. "We walk by faith," and so we can record success without sight. But God is too gracious not to let us "see our tokens".

Without straining for effect, I can note for the twelve-month, "here a little and there a little," enough in all to give us place among the Dioceses, and to guard from despal our youth and weakness.

It may seem a strange note of progress, the mention of a Church edifice destroyed by fire, and yet the energy that projects the immediate restoration of S. James' Church, Albion, tells of a life that I am sure did not exist when this House of Prayer stood year after year almost unused, and that promises for the Parish a brighter day. Big Rapids has responded to a necessity of all Parishes in new towns, and built on the Church lot a neat, convenient Rectory. Elk Rapids at last rejoices in its finished church, of capacity and finish beyond what from place and parish we would have expected. With a cost of nearly six thousand dollars, it is only a thousand away from right of consecration. Grace, Grand Rapids has realized a legacy of several years past, so far as to be freed from interest and assured of ultimate freedom from debt on church erection. Kalamazoo expects to enter into its new and beautiful house before winter. Ludington, through the persistent asking and pleading of the brother who has worked and watched the field from the first, has changed its unsightly structure to a respectable Church appearance. Manistee has acquired a lot. Marshall has made its chancel rich by art, and it expresses loving memories in the home, and honor from the Parish. Mt. Pleasant has gathered in remarkably from a population stranger to the Church. Muskegon has bravely looked its indebtedness in the face, and begun to move on the enemy. Newaygo is slowly being transformed from its brick walls and roof. Union City enjoys what it has not had for many days, a resident Rector. Three Rivers has come back into the hands it should never have left. I have lately received a check for \$500 from Mrs. Bradford, of Cleveland, Ohio, with direction to place it in the hands of Mr. P. Chamberlin of Glen Haven, Mich., for the erection of a memorial chapel in that place. Such help from without is precisely what we need, it just meets the missionary character of our Diocese. Ionia is fitting up its place of worship of so many years, as a Chapel.

I should record here the Easter remembrances of the

Rectors of Calvary, Baltimore, Md.; Transfiguration, Philadelphia, and St. John the Evangelist, in the same city, in contributions from their parishes. While they replenish our very useful Bishop's Trust Fund, they assure us of the living bond of sympathy and affection.

THE VACANCY AND SUPPLY OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Battle Creek and Big Rapids have lost their Rectors, but have quickly formed the relation afresh, in both elections we recover brethren who in a sense belonged to us. Muskegon, Grand Haven and Ionia, had their season of vacancy, but in each the new incumbent has become firmly seated. St. Paul's, Grand Rapids, has known in the year a pastorate begun and ended, and has its own Shepherd. Mt. Pleasant bore from the Convention its Priest. A good providence brought to the small but faithful band at Benton Harbor, a Minister with the experience without the feebleness of advanced years. S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, has the assistance of a Presbyter from the Diocese of New York. The Rector of Albion adds Homer to his charge, with service fortnightly. Saugatuck has for some weeks had services from a resident Clergyman. The long vacancy of Union City is broken. Whitehall has had only occasional services through the year. The removal of the General Missionary was the loss of one admirably adapted to the position, and has left the points that fall under such charge, unsupplied since February. An arrangement by which a vacancy is placed under the charge of the Rector who can most easily look after it, has given services to Evart, Holland, Farwell, Newaygo, Sturgis, Spring Lake.

The list would be longer were the feeling less common, that only Sunday services are worth having. The kind tender has been declined for this reason. Not to speak of what church attachment should dictate, it is certainly very unreasonable for parishes and people that cannot or will not secure their own spiritual head, to expect to dictate when all is gratuitous.

Indeed unreasonableness explains much of our vacancy. It is a very common case, a little band of church people offering a sum, which though it may be very creditable to their liberality, is none the less inadequate to clerical support, with added Missionary aid, and coupling with it the *sine qua non* of a certain style of man, generally it is the lovely "young man" who can do so much for so little, so often de-

scribed, so rarely found; and then because it is not all carried out, charging upon the Bishop most culpable neglect of a grand opportunity, and even churchmen abandoning their church because they have been so cruelly wronged.

We must claim special care for the sheep without the shepherd, and we believe the Diocese looks very carefully after its scattered people. The Bishop makes many visits where there is no Parish, no Priest, and even no Mission. The General Missionary has his time and toil almost entirely in such charge. What we often read in Episcopal addresses, "there has been no service since the Bishop's last visit," rarely comes in our diary. Our people have no reason for complaint, and the plea of abandoning the Church because it has not come and is not likely to come, has no force. Every churchman in the Diocese can have a comfortable sense of fellowship and the offices of the Church, if he is willing to use as much effort as the Bishop and clergy are ready to put forth in his behalf.

MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE.

The plan of securing pledges by asking each Parish to meet a sum assigned by a Committee of the Board is a great improvement on the old method. It spares us, what I am sure has grated on the feelings of all of us. I trust that this evening there will be nothing but cheerful giving.

The bequest of Mrs. Mary T. Curtis, late of Trinity Parish, Marshall, adds \$2,200 to our Permanent Missionary Fund. It is made "upon the trust and confidence to invest the same upon interest in good security or securities by bond or mortgage upon unincumbered real estate or in government or municipal bonds, and to appropriate the interest and income thereof to Diocesan Missions in said Diocese, including the building, or aid towards building churches therein." The donor is entitled to our gratitude, alike for her generous remembrance, and for the example she has set of acting as the steward of God, as well as the lover of relative and friend, in disposing of the "goods laid up store."

I believe that many similar legacies will come to the Lord's treasury in our charge, if we, my Clerical brethren, in obedience to the Church, "shall not omit earnestly to move such persons as are of ability to be liberal to the poor."

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND CONVOCATIONS.

The first named meetings have been at Big Rapids in con-

nection with the Seabury Centennial, and at Niles. It is an institution that wears well.

The autumn Convocations were at Grand Rapids and Mendon. At the desire of the clergy, the mid-winter meetings were omitted to allow of a Quiet Day. The services were appointed for Allegan, but one of the severe storms of this memorable winter prevented the assemblage of the Clergy.

THE DIOCESAN PAPER.

The *Church Helper* continues its monthly visits, and I frequently hear how welcome it is. To fill its columns and watch them through the Press, is no great task, but it is a hard and disagreeable task, to work with the subscription list, dunning subscribers, plying the clergy, and pushing the agents. It is far too much to ask of any man for nothing. The paper just pays, and this is a good record as compared with Diocesan papers in general, but there is an ability and duty of patronage in the Diocese, that with business obligation to the publisher, would meet moral obligation to the Editor.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

The Table of Contributions from September 1, 1883, to September 1, 1884, shows the Diocese contributing to Domestic Missions \$336.65, Foreign Missions \$291.53, General Missions \$309.56, a gratifying advance of nearly \$75 on the former year. Nearly every Parish or Mission gave something, the average would be about 30 cents to a communicant.

That "fully one half the amount appropriated for the current year for Domestic missions has yet to be raised during four months, and these four the worst of the year for collections," is a painful condition, certainly not to be explained by want of Missionary impulse so far as the Managers and officers can supply it. The contribution tables tell where the money does not come from; why it does not come, is a question that touches the Church's inner higher life.

SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

Our plan of the Local Secretary for every Church benevolence that asks our alms, is every year becoming more effective. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry now aids our solitary candidate for orders, and enforces the obligation

of the offering on Trinity Sunday. The American Church Building Fund Commission has very much relieved my anxiety by granting Rockford a loan of \$500, from September 1, 1885. I trust this will secure offerings in all Parishes and Missions on the 14th Sunday after Trinity. We have added to our Diocesan Church Conference, a meeting of the graduates of Theological Seminaries, which promises to enlighten us with regard to these institutions, and we hope to make us helpers in filling their classes. Woman's Work under the direction of the admirable officers, moves on so efficiently that all we have to do is to receive the cheering reports. Parishes and Missions with slight exception are doing something in this behalf. The success of the Sewing School and the Girls Friendly Society in this Parish, shows what might be done even where the field is limited. Even a Mission might have a Sewing class, and any earnest prudent woman could find around her some girls who need sympathy and protection. The White Cross movement might have the attention of an annual sermon in the Lenten season.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

My Commission as a member of the Board of Corrections and Charities having been renewed by the courtesy of the Governor, I have spent a Sunday at the State Prison, at the Reformatory, the Industrial Home, and the Wayne Co. Poor House and Asylum. I have also made 8 other visits to State Institutions, have visited Jails 23, and Poor Houses 11, times. Have attended the Conference and Convention of the Board, and the meeting of the Superintendents of the Poor, and numerous meetings of the Board. Beyond the State, have been present at the National Conference of Charities at St. Louis, and on my way thither examined in Illinois, the Asylums for the Insane at Kankakee and Jacksonville, the Schools for the Deaf and Dumb and for the Blind at Jacksonville, and the Institution for Idiots at Lincoln, Ill.

I am more and more impressed, that while the penal classes must remain in the hands of the state, that the obligations of christianity to the impoverished and suffering, can only be met by efforts untrammelled by the restrictions which the State *must* impose on religious ordinances and attentions. The sectarianism of the land forbids any positive instruction within the walls that the public have erected,

and yet the Sectarianism is dissatisfied with the result. The Roman Catholics in New York in the noted "Freedom of Worship Bill" are only aiming at what every body of Christians ought to secure, guarding the birth-right faith; but then to grant their wishes were to secure them rights practically denied the numerous religious organizations beyond their pale. We must be grateful to the State for doing what is impracticable for a divided Christianity, but when the Church shall arise in her strength and unity and holiness, she will say to the State, "Cast this burden" upon me, and I will sustain it.

THE GIFT TO THE DIOCESAN.

In August, '84, I received in a letter of very kind and gratifying expression, a check for \$700, with the request, that I would "represent the Diocese in the Solemnities at Aberdeen," or, "as the money was raised to be expended by me in physical relaxation and recuperation, expend it in any other manner that might be most agreeable to me, provided only that such use of it be not unnecessarily delayed." Nothing could be more delicate and kind than this, and I did seriously consider the proposal in its various aspects, and while I could not see my way clear to go abroad, or to take any extended travel in our own land; I am sure my friends will not think that I did not keenly feel this evidence of their sympathy and affection. In January, I returned the funds to Mr. William J. Stuart. I ask that the correspondence may be entered on the Journal, that it may ever witness of the warm-hearted relations existing between the Diocese and myself.

LEGISLATION.

I renew the following suggestions of last year. Canon XX., Sec. 3.—To remodel this section, so as to bring its language in accordance with the existing relation of a Mission to the Board of Missions: (I.) line 3, omitting the words "to the Board of Missions;" (II.) so changing as not to confine the weekly offertory to "raising money" for "the expenses" of the Mission; (III.) line 6, omitting all after the word "enclosed;" (IV.) omitting all but the last sentence.

To place on the assessment for the next two years one hundred dollars annually, to be kept as a fund to provide for the expenses of the Deputies to the General Convention of 1886.

I also invite your attention to amending Canon II., Sec. i., 7th so as to include among the Standing Committees, a Committee on the State of the Church, consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen; 11th, to have action in the matters presented in the report on unfinished business, immediately after the report is made.

Canon VIII., Sec. i., that the Wardens may not drop from the Communicants' list the name of any person resident in the Parish.

It is worthy your consideration, whether the lay officers of the Convention, as the Registrar, the Treasurer of the Convention; the Lay members of the Standing Committee and the Board of Missions, Members of the Association other than those *ex officio*; and the lay members of Committees holding from one Convention to another; should not by a two-thirds vote of Convention in the case of each person, have a seat, with the right of discussion and a vote, except in the election of Bishop.

The officers of the Convention give an amount of time and labor to their duties which should have fullest recognition. Members of standing boards and committees, are well informed as interested in all Diocesan matters. And a subject referred to a committee, they should have opportunity to present their views. Each person being admitted by a two-thirds vote, would seem an ample security. The action required would be an amendment of the Constitution Art. VI. While this is pending, a resolution might give the right of discussion.

THE REVIEW OF TEN YEARS.

S. Matthias' Day completed the tenth year since my Consecration. It seems a proper time for some review of our Diocesan life. I note a few leading particulars.

The number of Clergy has not varied particularly. We have to-day as large a number actually at work as we have ever had. It has been with our Clergy, going and coming. We have had on our Clergy list 79 names, nearly four times the number now officiating. Six have been removed by death, 3 by deposition. Of the original band, only three in active service are with us, 28 have come and gone.

Such changes are very hard on a Diocese. It takes time to learn Diocesan ways, to know the brethren, to get interested in them and their work, to become a useful member of the Convention.

It is very hard on the parishes, especially on the Missionary work. A resignation generally means a long vacancy, and what has been hardly secured quickly running down. A new Rector has to make his way to the confidence of the people, and with a new countenance and voice, he brings new ways in the Chancel and out of it, to be liked by some and disliked by others. Frequent clerical change is a recurring setting back, so that a Parish increases in age but not in strength.

The number of Ordinations has been to Diaconate 5, to Priesthood 5.

The small number of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese has been a great factor in our weakness. It is true this is a common sorrow of the Church. The increase, or, as I fear it should be said, the decrease, of the Ministry, is something to which the Church seems strangely indifferent. It is no healthful condition, when the supply of one place commonly means the destitution of another. A Diocese without an indigenous clergy, and with no great attraction of fields of labor, can scarcely expect any thing else than slow growth. True, we have Theological Seminaries, the old halls empty, and new halls building; but we do well if we secure the diaconate of the men we have sent to them. Is it charged, that we have not reached the stature of our diocesan age? I think I need say no more than that, we have had in all only seven Candidates who have attained to Orders, and only three have bestowed any length of labor within our lines.

As the Canon (XX., Sec. 7) rules "The change from the 'Mission' to the 'Parish,' may be made when the station is provided with a Church building, and is able to support a Rector without Missionary aid," no Parish has been formed since the Diocese was erected.

In all 19 Missions have been organized, 4 of which have been suspended. A number of other points have received the ministrations of the Church. There has not been the steady advance, in Missions relieving the missionary funds of their sustenance, we had hoped for. The explanation is in part, the burden of church erection, but more I think the character of our towns. The places that offer us the open door are yet of limited population, slowly if at all increasing, and losing their resources by their business men as they grow prosperous seeking wider fields. Then Michigan is a great missionary field for four bodies of Christians that are pour-

ing in their money to give themselves a name in every village and district.

Seventeen Churches and 3 Chapels have been erected, 5 taking the place of former structures; 6 Rectories have been built and secured. Most of these are free from debt, in no case is there heavy indebtedness. A Church erected and paid for, is a foundation strongly laid. Hence this is the record of very decided progress.

The number of Communicants at the first Convention was 2,626. at the tenth (1884) it was 3,136. This seems no very great gain. It is to be considered, that the lists have been carefully revised. Up to last year, when the Secretary ceased to report in detail, 714 had been dropped, no doubt some of these were counted in 1875. Further, up to this date the number lost by being dropped, death, and removal, exceeded the number received by 1,325; so that this number must be made up from the number confirmed before there can be any increase.

The number confirmed has been 2,665.

The condition of the funds of the Diocese is eminently satisfactory.

The Episcopal Fund, created with the Diocese, now amounts, including the Episcopal residence, to about \$30,000, yielding an income of about \$1,800. This fund has given us all much concern. We desire to have it so increased, that with such an assessment as the Diocese can readily bear, the income may be equal to the suitable maintenance of the Episcopate. Yet with this aspiration, we can but congratulate ourselves, that we have such a provision as is found in only few Dioceses. Happily when division was asked of the General Convention, the "satisfactory assurance" of the Constitution, was supposed to mean money in hand, and not as it has since been interpreted, hope that it would appear.

The Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen has reached a capital of \$2,745.85. The Permanent Missionary Fund amounts to \$2,810, the Rectory Building Fund to \$1,465. These are good foundations—the being of a fund has promise of bequest and gift.

A Diocesan library with about 900 volumes, most of them choice theological literature, and a valuable collection of periodicals and pamphlets, has been secured, all placed in a well ordered Registrar's office.

The aggregate of Contributions for the nine years ending

1884 has been, for Parochial objects, \$523,633.39, for Diocesan, \$75,819.25, for objects beyond the Diocese, \$15,983.86. Total \$615, 536.44.

The total valuation of Churches, Chapels and Rectories and other property is put at \$304,266.00 with an indebtedness (1884) of \$24,190.00. Aid from abroad has come to us in the way of an annual grant from the Board of Missions, payments to our Candidates for Orders, assistance in building the Episcopal residence, and donations for the Bishop's Trust Fund generally from personal friends. The amount has been about \$12,000.

These are dry figures, yet thereby hangs the tale of laboring hands and anxious hearts. We have toiled for what we have. These dollars that have come and gone, or are with us yet, are sacred—they are associated with our faith and our prayers. We have not given the Lord what has cost us nothing. We can breathe over them some of the holy thoughts of David as he surveyed the treasures the people had brought together for the temple erection. They are the tokens of "the good hand of the Lord upon us." They have helped to make our diocesan life, they are in the length and breadth of our diocesan growth.

And as we are summing up the decade, should I not add, our effective system of Diocesan Conferences and Convocations, our well ordered because well tried system of benevolences, and our orderly working in all departments that come under our control.

You would not, and I am sure I could not if you would, that I should indulge in any boast of "lengthened cords and strengthened stakes." I only seek to fix the impression, to create the feeling, to record the decision, that we have not lived in vain nor labored in vain, and above all, that prayers have been answered, and through God's blessing strength made out of our weakness. We have nothing to boast of, but a great deal to be thankful for.

Our decade "comes in a good day." In the general condition of our affairs, we "pass our time in rest and quietness." "Then had the Churches rest * * and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied"—some of this prosperity of the "little flock" when they were just beginning to receive the kingdom, has come even to us.

Suffer as I close a slight personal reference. When I accepted the trust which God has preserved my life to fulfill, I

put on record, "I hope at least to lay foundations upon which those who come after me may build in greater beauty and strength. While "my eye is not dim" to the needed work of the future, nor my "natural force" of felt responsibility "abated," and while I see no rest but that which comes "when man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening, I do feel that God hath made "my desire to grow."

The Diocese must live—it can live humanly speaking, and surely divinely believing. The laborer, whether the Pastor or the Pastor of Pastors, will be cheered, assured that his "foot standeth right." Yes, in coming years as they roll on, the chief Shepherd dwelling in this goodly home the Church in its infancy has provided, one of its noblest works, will survey a Diocese related to that in which we toil, as the building stands related to the foundation, a Diocese with all those institutions for body, mind and soul, that grow out of Parishes as they increase in strength. And to its annual Convention will come, scores of ordained laborers and zealous laymen, busy with the larger figures, working out the higher problems of a Diocese, no longer, speaking, understanding, thinking as a child, but become a man putting away childish things.

O City of our God, though thou be little among the thousands of Israel, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and evermore." Amen.

JOURNAL OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

1884. June 11, 12, Wednesday and Thursday, **Marshall, Trinity**, the Convention. The attendance of the Lay Delegates was smaller than usual, only eleven Parishes and two Missions being represented. Of this small number, some "withdrew without leave asked and voted," what is considered a discourtesy even in civil bodies. The establishment of a fund for the erection of Rectories, taking order for the Seabury Centennial, appointing a Committee to secure legislative action on Divorce, were the leading matters of the session. Other important subjects were referred to this Convention.

June 15, First Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids, S. Paul's**, officiated, the Parish being vacant. Evening, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, preached.

June 22, Second Sunday after Trinity, **Ludington**, Grace, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed one.

June 24, The Nativity of S. John the Baptist, **Kalamazoo**, S. Luke's, advanced to the Priesthood, the Rector-elect, the Rev. Robert Ellis Jones, A. B., who had been received from the Diocese of Massachusetts, as "having passed his first and second examinations," and had had his third examination on the preceding evening. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. D. D. Chapin and the sermon preached by the Rev. J. E. Walton. Five other Clergymen were present.

June 29, Third Sunday after Trinity, **Benton Harbor**, Holy Trinity Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion.

July 2, Wednesday evening, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's Rectory, was present on the pleasant occasion of the Rector receiving his parishioners in the house they had secured for him and his family, and made an informal address. With the social house warming, was the recording the name of the Lord in suitable devotions.

July 6, Fourth Sunday after Trinity, **Kalkaska**, officiated in the morning in a hall, with the Holy Communion, and in the evening in the kindly tendered Congregational house of worship, and confirmed 1. The General Missionary had preceded me with several services. All the people ask is an occasional service which we shall endeavor to afford them.

July 8, 9, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Racine College**, attended the various exercises of Commencement time. The course of study has been enlarged in the direction of commercial and scientific acquirement, and examinations for entrance are held in the leading cities of the West. A good spirit prevails among the students and faculty.

In passing, I may refer to another institution, which I can commend to the patronage of the Diocese as having confidence in the Rector, the Rev. C. N. Spalding A. M., and being under the wise influence of the Bishop—the **HOWE GRAMMAR SCHOOL** for Boys, Lima, Indiana. It is just beyond our Southern border, and its advantages are placed within the reach of persons of moderate means.

July 10, Thursday, **Nashotah House**, P. M., attended the meeting of the Trustees. The Commencement had passed and the students had left. The agency of the President had been

successful chiefly in providing for daily expenses. The Board advised the suspension of the effort for endowment and the return of Dr. Cole. The President transmitted his resignation, to take effect September, 1885, retaining the professorship of Pastoral Theology. The time may not be distant when Nashotah will not occupy the position of a Theological Seminary, further than having some provision for theological instruction. Its lands and buildings may then be available for schools, and for what in this day of christian activity we need, training schools for men and women who desire to consecrate their lives to doing good. Possibly a Kaiserwerth may here exist, and halls whence the members of a true salvation army may go forth. Some of the early visions of Breck and his associates may be realized.

July 13, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Holland**, Grace, officiated twice, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the children in Sunday School. The Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh has persevered in going here, and I marvel that the people can be so insensible as to their duty to him, and to themselves. Bethsaida and Chorazin ought to be very ominous sounds to some Parishes and Missions.

July 16, Grand Rapids, Bishop's Study, meeting of the Board of Missions to fix the stipends. Recent experience has shown that the Board must in the interest of the Missionaries, insist on the Missions stating what sum they will pledge for their support. The Board at this annual meeting vote the full sum at their disposal, but they cannot foresee vacancies and their continuance, hence a balance may remain unexpended at the close of the year. This year the withdrawal of the General Missionary has made the sum much larger.

July 18, Friday evening, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, lectured.

July 20, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, **Saugatuck**, All Saints, officiated at both services, with the Holy Communion, and addressed the Sunday School. The Rev. M. Morris is giving services here.

July 27, Seventh Sunday after Trinity, **Newaygo**, S. Mark's Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and addressed the Sunday School. from this time the chapel was unfit for use, lately it has been plastered, and under the provisional charge of the Rev. Mr. Burford a weekly service is held.

August 3, Eighth Sunday after Trinity, **Muskegon**, S.

Paul's, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and met the Vestry in reference to calling a Rector.

August 10, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, **Battle Creek**, S. Thomas, officiated at both services for the Rector absent on vacation, and talked to the children. This was my last visit at the very genial home of the late Rector.

August 11, Monday, **Kalamazoo**, meeting of the Board of Missions.

August 24, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, **Mt. Pleasant**, S. Johns' Mission, preached morning and evening, with the Holy Communion, baptized an infant, confirmed 4, and addressed the children.

August 31, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, **Elk Rapids**, S. Paul's, preached twice with the Holy Communion; addressed the Sunday School, and confirmed 6, prepared by the Rev. J. N. Rippey, who was spending his vacation here, and to whom the parish are so much indebted. A Rector has lately been called.

September 1, Monday, **Old Mission**, baptized an infant.

September 5, Friday evening, **Norwood**, officiated in the School House. We have three communicants here.

September 7, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Charlevoix**, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, met the friends of the Church in the afternoon, and advised establishing a Sunday School and purchasing a lot. The school was held for a few weeks. The last communication I had from the place was to the effect, that the people were discouraged because they could not have regular services, yet I am not aware of any provision made for even the partial support of a Minister. An opinion seems to prevail in some quarters, that in some religious bodies their people where there are few fare better than ours, but I am inclined to believe that if they get more they pay more.

September 9, 10, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Mendon**, the Convocation of Kalamazoo. This Convocation was memorable as coming nearer to failure than any one I have known. The Bishop and two clergy were the working force, but we manfully put through the programme, with the thermometer fearfully high. An unhappy feeling about the Church property deprives Mendon of services where really there is the opportunity of limited provision for public worship, a population of 800, and only one place of regular protestant services.

September 14, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Green-ville**, officiated during the day with the Holy Communion, and instruction of the children.

September 21, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Haven**, S. John's, preached twice, the morning sermon with reference to the new rectorship, as usual spoke to the children.

September 23, 24, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Grand Rapids**, Grace. Grand Rapids Convocation, the usual services held with nearly all the Clergy present. The presence of the laity would scarcely indicate nine hundred communicants in the city. Who will tell us, why it is so hard to call out our people to such gatherings? In their absence, their courtesy and Christianity are in fault.

October 5, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, **Three Rivers**, Trinity, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and met the children. Our aged Presbyters helped me as they could.

October 12, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, St. Louis, Mo., A. M., Christ Church, Evening, S. John's, preached in reference to the National Conference of Charities, which had brought me to the city. The invitations were through the kind thoughtfulness of Bishop Robertson, seconded by the Rectors of the Churches. I was glad to meet Rev. Dr. Schuyler just returned from Europe in renewed health.

October 19, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids**, S. Marks, P. M. introduced Miss Carter, as I did at S. Paul's in the evening, and on Monday evening at Grace Church. This lady visited nearly all our prominent Parishes and some Missions, gratifying all who heard her by her sketches of experience among the Mormons, and I trust arousing a deeper sense of the need of the Gospel in the Church at home and abroad. I was present at the meetings at Ionia and Muskegon.

October 26, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, Ionia, S. John's, held the usual services with the Holy Communion, and a Children's Service, in this then vacant Parish. I also conferred with the congregation in reference to a Rector.

October 29, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids**, united in Holy Wedlock Mr. John Graff Shields and Esther Maria Kendall.

October 30, administered the Holy Communion with the Rector of S. Mark's, to a sick lady a member of his Parish.

November 2, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids**, S. Paul's, preached morning and evening, with the

Holy Communion. The services inaugurated a new Rectorship that soon terminated, the Rev. Mr. Macfarlane removing to Indiana.

November 9, Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, **Homer**, Christ's Church, officiated in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Brown, who is in charge, joined me. The old Parish seems really reviving.

November 11, a meeting of the Trustees of the Association at my study.

November 12-14, Wednesday-Friday, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Added to the usual appointments, the annual meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held. And on Friday, the Centennial of the Consecration of Bishop Seabury was observed. The gathering was thus made one of unusual interest.

November 16, Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, **Whitehall**, Redeemer, officiated at three services including that for the children, and met the Vestry. The Parish might have week day services from the Rector of Muskegon. It presents a common case, a Parish unable to do much towards clerical support and no place of sufficient strength near enough to be united with it.

November 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Benton Harbor**, preached twice. I was glad to come here, and find a Shepherd of the few sheep. They have waited and not wandered, and they have their reward.

November 26, Thanksgiving Day, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, preached—a service so meet and right and of bounden duty, I wondered that so few came to it. **Grand Rapids**, P. M., baptized an infant in private.

November 30, First Sunday in Advent, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, this was an Institution Service in effect. In the morning, the Rector preached, and in the evening I set forth the Pastoral relation. I addressed the Sunday School, introducing the Shepherd of the lambs.

December 9, **Kalamazoo**, confirmed in private one since entered into rest.

December 14, Third Sunday in Advent, **Stanton**, officiated morning and evening with the Holy Communion. The Opera House in which I held service, a very creditable building for the place, was destroyed by fire the same week.

December 17, Wednesday evening, **Ember Day, Coopersville, Epiphany Mission**, held service. Nearly all who were interested in the Church have removed.

December 19, Friday evening, **Ember Day, Saranac, Trinity**, officiated in the evening. The Parish like some others is in second childhood.

December 21, Fourth Sunday in Advent, **Battle Creek, S. Thomas'**, the usual services on the coming of a new Rector. This was the third time I had come on this errand, the long Rectorship is now in order.

December 25, Christmas Day, **Holland, Grace**. The Church without fire compelled us to the Church in the house, but we had the services with the blessed Communion, and kept our harps off the willows as well as we could.

December 28, First Sunday after Christmas, **Port Huron, Grace**, I spent the Lord's Day in the Church and in the home, with my friend Beckwith. A great sorrow had come to him and his dear family, in the decease of a daughter of rare gifts, and graces of the Holy Spirit, but out of such loss comes the strong consolation.

December 29, Monday P. M., Ann Arbor, I had the pleasure of being present at the Christmas tree for the Poor House. Kind thoughtfulness for the friendless has thus found expression in S. Andrew's Parish for at least twenty years.

1885. January 2, Friday evening, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's**, made an address suitable to the new year.

January 4, Second Sunday after Christmas, **Ludington, Grace**, preached twice, spoke to the children, and in the evening, to my surprise and gratification, found 8 candidates for Confirmation.

January 6, Epiphany, **Rockford, S. James' Mission**, officiated, and learned that a Sunday School had met with good success in gathering scholars and securing a Library.

January 11, First Sunday after Epiphany, **Paw Paw, S. Mark's**, held the two services with the Holy Communion and instruction of the Children. Some good women carry this Parish, and they keep it in life.

January 18, Second Sunday after Epiphany, **Allegan, Good Shepherd**, telegraphed to not to attempt to reach Three Rivers in the storm, I received a cordial welcome in this Parish, and the Rector gave me the pulpit at both services.

January 20, Tuesday, **Kalamazoo**, Solemnized the marriage of Frederick C. Miller and Lucie Eveline Wheeler.

January 25, Third Sunday after Epiphany, **Union City**, A. M., officiated, and gave the opportunity of Holy Communion, P. M., met the Children. Evening, preached and confirmed 2, baptizing one of the Candidates. An effort that had just been inaugurated has resulted in the settlement of a Clergyman.

February 1, Septuagesima Sunday, **Whitehall**, Redeemer, officiated at both services.

February 6, Friday, **Grand Rapids**, Grace, conducted the services.

February 8, Sexagesima, in the same Church officiated, in the absence of the Rector away at my request.

February 10, Tuesday, College Hill, Ohio, was present at the funeral of a relative, and in the chamber of death baptized the daughter-in-law of the deceased.

February 12, Tuesday, **Allegan**, This was appointed for the "Quiet Day." Hindered by storm I reached here in the morning, not surprised to find that no Clergyman had come. I must be thankful that in such a Winter I have so generally kept my appointments.

February 15, Quinquagesima, **Quincy**, S. John's Mission, A. M., officiated, P. M., preached and confirmed 2. Evening, **Coldwater**, S. Mark's, preached.

February 24, S. Matthias' Day, Detroit, S. John's, participated in the services of the Consecration of the Rev. George Worthington S. T. D. The voice of the Church has been calling our brother from his large and successful work, and he has yielded, bringing to his Diocese those elements of character which the preacher on the occasion made the power of the Episcopate.

March 1, Second Sunday in Lent, **Greenville**, S. Paul's Mission, officiated twice, with the Holy Communion, address to the Children, and instruction of candidates for Confirmation.

March 8, Third Sunday in Lent, **Kalamazoo**, S. Luke's, A. M., preached, and confirmed 12. P. M., S. Barnabas' Mission, preached. I deeply regret that this work that had so much the interest and effort of the late Rector has been abandoned. A Parish in a population of over twelve thousand can scarcely meet its responsibility without schools and services beyond the Church. A boy choir has been introduced, and with other singers and under an efficient leader render the music very agreeably.

March 6, Friday evening, S. Mark's, **Grand Rapids**, lectured.

March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent, **Battle Creek**, S. Thomas', A. M., preached and baptized the infant of the Rector. P. M., administered Holy Communion in private. Evening, preached.

March 22, Fifth Sunday in Lent, **Three Rivers**, Trinity, officiated twice with the Holy Communion and instruction of children. A few earnest women had revived the Sunday School, and met during Lent for reading and prayer.

March 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, evening, preached.

March 24, Tuesday evening, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, lectured.

March 29, Sunday before Easter, **Allegan**, Good Shepherd, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion, addressed the Sunday School. In the evening, preached, and confirmed 3.

March 31, Tuesday before Easter, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrews', preached and confirmed 1, having confirmed 1 in private. The Rector was about leaving.

April 1, Wednesday before Easter, evening, **Rockford**, S. James' Mission, officiated. The little band have missed the visits of the General Missionary.

April 3, Good Friday, **Grand Haven**, S. John's, preached morning and evening, and at the latter service confirmed 8. The financial condition is the great drawback to the Rector's happiness and usefulness.

April 5, Easter Day, **Coldwater**, S. Mark's, present at the early service, A. M., preached, confirmed 6, and administered the Holy Communion, evening, preached, and on Monday morning made a brief address. I regret to notice the large floating debt of the Parish. The best financing for a Parish is, to make every effort at Easter to wipe out the deficiency of the year. What can be easily taken care of in this way, suffered to accumulate, in a few years a very formidable indebtedness appears.

April 7, Tuesday P. M., **Kalamazoo**, attended the funeral of Hon. H. G. Wells, and made an address. Judge Wells' services to the Diocese in the settlement of the claim against Michigan, will ever be gratefully remembered. A life of public service and integrity, ended in a calm faith and hope in the blessed Saviour.

April 12, First Sunday after Easter, **Albion**, S. James',

preached at the two services, and at the latter confirmed 9. The Parish have worshipped in a Hall since the Church was destroyed by fire. With some insurance, a Minister, and awakened Church life, they are by no means disheartened. I took occasion from this loss of a Church, the second case in the Diocese, to call attention to the importance of insurance of Church property. It is unfaithfulness to trust for those in charge of a Church or Rectory to let it be uninsured, yet I know this is the condition where the loss of the Church would extinguish the Parish.

April 14-16, **Niles**, Trinity, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Thirteen clergymen present. Themes of new and special interest were presented. The new countenances among the Clergy was very pleasant.

April 19, Second Sunday after Easter, **Grand Rapids**, evening, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, preached. The candidates were confirmed at S. Mark's.

April 25, S. Mark's Day, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, confirmed after sermon 57, and administered the Holy Communion. The class had been under instruction by the Rector and his Assistant for several weeks.

April 26, Third Sunday after Easter, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, preached twice and administered the Holy Communion in the morning, and after addressed the children, and in the evening, confirmed 6. The Parish is coming to the position which I have always believed it might attain to.

May 3, Fourth Sunday after Easter, **Mt. Pleasant**, S. John's Mission, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion, and spoke to the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 30. This has proved one of our most successful missions, an important factor has been, a good church built and paid for without taxing the people. Relieved of this burden, I hope they will provide the Rectory.

May 7, Thursday, New Brighton, S. I., New York, solemnized the marriage of John Fisher Laurence and Marie Louise Rodenwald.

May 10, Fifth Sunday after Easter, Palmyra, N. Y., Zion Church, preached in the Church where for ten years I was village Pastor. Seven years had passed since my last visit and twenty-four since I bid farewell, but the kindly welcome makes me emphasize more than ever, Pastors and people, if it be possible, as much as lieth in you, give time, and so strength, to the pastoral bond.

May 17, Sunday after Ascension-Day, **Ionia**, S. John's, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 9, addressed the children. The prospect seems to me encouraging.

May 18, Monday, **Greenville**, S. Paul's Mission, preached and confirmed 3. The Rector of Ionia who accompanied me kindly gives a week day service.

May 24, Whitsunday, **Marshall**, Trinity, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed 10. The Rectory is a model and now I want to see the Chapel.

May 26, Tuesday in Whitsun week, **Grand Rapids**, Grace, preached and confirmed 9.

May 29, Friday, Ember Day, evening, S. Mark's, **Grand Rapids**, preached and confirmed 4.

May 31, Trinity Sunday, **Grand Rapids**, S. Paul's, evening, preached and confirmed 2.

June 2, Tuesday P. M., Grand Rapids, attended meetings of the Trustees of the Diocese, of the Association and of the Board of Missions.

Evening, S. Mark's, presided at a meeting in the interests of the American Church Temperance Society. Aside from the profit we derived from the address of the Rev. J. F. Conover, D. D., it was a great pleasure to have with us one to whom the Diocese is so much indebted, and with whom our relations have been so cordial.

LAY READER.

(Holding license till Easter, 1886.)

Mr. J. B. Murphy, Muskegon, July 4, 1878.

POSTULANT.

Ernest W. Loughby Jewell, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

CANDIDATES DROPPED.

August 21, 1884—*Mr. Richard Mercer*, Candidate for the office of a deacon only. For causes not affecting his moral character.

April 22, 1885—*Henry Livingston Hillyer*, Candidate for the office of a deacon only. For causes not affecting his moral character.

ORDINATION.

To the Priesthood. June 24, 1884 Nativity of S. John the Baptist, in S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, *Robert Ellis Jones*, A. M., the Rector-elect, presented by the Rev. D. D. Chapin.

DIED.

November 15, 1884—The Rev. *Norman Jefferson*, deacon, at Terrehaute, Indiana.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

June 28, 1884—The Rev. *William Tully Whitman* to the Ecclesiastical Authority

of Springfield. Resigned as Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, taking effect, May 26, 1884.

December 11, 1884—The *Rev. Sidney H. Woodford*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of North Dakota. Resigned as Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, taking effect, March 31, 1884.

February 5, 1885—The *Rev. Eugene Jeffrey Babcock*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Western New York. Resigned as the General Missionary, taking effect, February 1, 1885.

November 18, 1884—The *Rev. Henry B. Jefferson*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Connecticut. Resigned S. John's Church, Ionia, taking effect, September 4, 1884.

September 10, 1884—The *Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D.*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pennsylvania. Resigned S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, taking effect, September 28, 1884.

December 30, 1884—The *Rev. Peter Macfarlane*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Resigned S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids, taking effect, January 1, 1885.

April 9, 1885—The *Rev. John Henry Babcock*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa. Resigned S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, taking effect, April 6, 1885.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

August 8, 1884—The *Rev. Alexander Overby*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Virginia. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, August 6, 1884.

November 30, 1884—The *Rev. John N. Rippey*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Southern Ohio. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, November 30, 1884.

February 17, 1885—The *Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Quincy. Entered on his duties as Missionary at Benton Harbor, July 23, 1884.

December 21, 1884—The *Rev. William W. Taylor*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pennsylvania. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, December, 7, 1884.

February 20, 1885—The *Rev. J. Rice Taylor*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Vermont. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Paul's, Grand Rapids.

March 9, 1885—The *Rev. Edwin G. Nock*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia, February 18, 1885.

April 19, 1885—The *Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Missouri. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, April 16, 1885.

May 25, 1885—The *Rev. James A. McGlone*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Wisconsin. Entered on his duties as Missionary at Mt. Pleasant, June 15, 1884.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

August 1, 1884—The *Rev. Belno A. Brown*, adds the charge of Christ Church, Homer, to that of S. James' Church, Albion.

July 6, 1884—The *Rev. Joseph B. Prichard*, officiates in Grace Church, Ludington.

February 1, 1885—The *Rev. Artemas Wetherbee* has been chosen Rector of Grace Church, Union City.

January 22, 1885—The *Rev. R. H. Dennis*, deacon, ceased to officiate in the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

September, 1884—The Centennial of Bishop Seabury's Consecration.

Advent, 1884—Intelligent and earnest Churchmanship.

Easter, 1885—To Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRAYERS AUTHORIZED.

January 1, 1885—For Persons preparing for Confirmation, in the Annexed Book.

September, 1884—For use prior to the Presidential election.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From the Industrial Band of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, an Easter offering, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	\$30 00
From the Rev. W. R. Babcock, R. I., paid to the credit of the Episcopal Residence Fund.....	25 00
From the Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D., the Easter offering of the Sunday School and a Bible Class in his Parish, the Church of the Transfiguration, Philadelphia, Penn., paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	152 70
From the Rev. R. H. Payne, from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md., paid to the Episcopal Fund, Diocesan Missions, and Bishop's Trust Fund.....	25 00
From the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, from the "Mothers' Meeting" in his Parish, the Church of S. John the Evangelist, Philadelphia, Penn., paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	20 00
From Mrs. George D'H. Gillespie, New York, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	100 00
Grant from the Board of Missions, September 1, 1884, to September 1, 1885.....	1,300 00

Appropriations of the same:

The General Missionary, rate of \$400 per annum.....	\$200 00
Rev. J. H. Babcock, rate of \$100 per annum.....	60 00
Rev. B. A. Brown.....	100 00
Rev. J. A. McGlone.....	150 00
Rev. H. J. Cook.....	100 00
Rev. J. S. Large.....	200 00
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.,.....	150 00
Unappropriated	340 00 \$1,300 00

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

September 12, 1884—*Rev. Edwin Benedict*, by the Bishop of Minnesota. Canon 5, Title II.

September 2, 1884—*Rev. George H. Appleton*, by the Missionary Bishop of Yedo. "The renunciation was voluntary and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect his moral character." Sec. 1, Canon 5, Title II.

December 5, 1884—*Rev. Edward G. Perryman*, by the Bishop of Easton. Canon 5, Title II.

December 22, 1884—*Rev. Alexander B. Crawford*, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

January 16, 1885—*Rev. Alexander S. Berkeley*, by the Bishop of Virginia. Title II., Canon 5. "Being satisfied that he was not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry was not occasioned by foregoing misconduct or irregularity, but was voluntary and for causes which do not affect his moral character."

February 8, 1885—*Rev. George Rogers Wheelock*, by the Bishop of Massachusetts. "Said deposition was not for causes affecting his moral character."

March 23, 1885—*Rev. Herbert Marston Andrews*, by the Assistant Bishop of New York. Canon 6, Title II. "For causes not affecting his moral character."

March 23, 1885—*Rev. James S. Fenton Jr.*, by the Assistant Bishop of New York. Canon 5, Title II. "For causes not affecting his moral character."

April 6, 1885—*Rev. N. E. Carrington, deacon*, by the Missionary Bishop of Western Texas. Sec. 1, Canon 5, Title II. *

CANDIDATE FOR ORDERS.

October 21, 1884—*George W. Raeburn's* "application finally rejected" by the Bishop of Maine. Title I., Canon 5, § 1, [2]

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GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Bishop's Pastorals.

The Centennial of Bishop Seabury's Consecration.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The letter of the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney has been laid before you. The Bishop informs us that "on Sunday, October 5th, there will be celebrations and sermons in every church in Scotland, and that October 7th and 8th will be the special days of the celebration of the centennary in Aberdeen itself."

The General Convention has "called upon the Church throughout the land to note as days of solemn observance the centennials of the consecration of Samuel Seabury by the Bishops of the Church in Scotland in 1784; and the incipient measures for organization, which resulted in the formation at a later date, when the Episcopate had been secured in the English line, in the union of the Churches in the various States in a General Convention, and the adoption of a common Ecclesiastical Constitution." (Journal General Convention 1883, page 292.)

I am assured that it will be agreeable to your feelings, and gratifying as well as edifying to our people, to observe the days of commemoration in Scotland and the day of the important transaction.

In my Convention Address, I stated, "should life be spared, I will help you to carry out services in our churches on these days, responsive to the solemnities in Aberdeen." Accordingly I designate appropriate psalms, lessons and prayers.

In the language of the report of the Committee of the General Convention, "patiently to trace, step by step, the progress of our fathers towards organic unity, is more than a filial duty; it will serve to acquaint us with the principles underlying our ecclesiastical government, and will prove to us that our fathers builded better than they knew." This suggests appropriate sermons and lectures by Rectors in their own parishes, and through interchange of services.*

Yours in Christ and the Church,

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

S. Matthew's Day, September 21, 1884.

*REFERENCES.—Bp. White's *Memoirs of the P. E. Church in the United States of America*, edited by the Rev. B. F. DeCosta. Bp. Willberforce's *History of the Church in America*. Dr. Hawk's *History of the Church in Virginia and Maryland*. Collections of the P. E. Historical Society, 2 vols. Life of Bp. Seabury, by Rev. Dr. Beardsley. *Early American Church History*, a series of Articles in the *Churchman*, by the Rev. John Vaughan Lewis, D. D., commencing vol. XLIX., No 21.

APPROPRIATE PSALMS, LESSONS AND COLLECTS.

Psalms, 45, 46, 48, 66, 72, 84, 85, 122, 126, 132.

Lessons—Isaiah 35. 40: 1-17. 52. Jeremiah 31: 1-14. 33: 15—. Ezekiel 37: 1-14. Haggal 2: 1-19. Zechariah 4. 8: 9—. S. Matthew 10. S. Mark 16: 14—. S. John 21: 15. Acts 1: 1-14. Ephesians 4: 1-6. 1 Thessalonians 1. 1 Timothy 3. St. Jude. The Revelation 1.

Collects.—The form of Ordaining or Consecrating a Bishop, the first Collect. For S. Matthias. Office of Institution, last Collect. 5th Sunday after Epiphany. 5th, 16th, 22nd Sundays after Trinity.

A SPECIAL PRAYER.

Almighty God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the wonderful preservation of thy Church, we glorify thee; we give thanks to thee; that building thy Church in our Land on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone, thou didst as at this time govern the minds of our fathers to choose, and those in authority to lay hands on, one, replenished with the truth of thy doctrine and adorned with innocency of life, who duly executed the office of a Bishop, to the glory of thy name, and the edifying and well-governing of thy Church.

Grant that we may show forth our thankfulness continuing faithful, living and working members under Christ the Head, in that Church, the Body, all the days of our lives, through the merits and by the grace of the same, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen*.

ADVENT, 1884.

Intelligent and Earnest Churchmanship.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We are just entering on a new year of the Church. Advent is even a more serious time than that which we commonly speak of as the new year. Our worldly affairs may naturally press on us more a month hence, but our spiritual interests come in at the end of the Church's year. Advent calls us to a review of our life in Christ, and so it brings before us all our relations in his Church.

It has long been in my thoughts to address you in regard to a higher christian interest as related to the Parish, the Diocese and this branch of the Holy Catholic Church.

THE PARISH.

While the Parish is not an essential part of the church, it is a division which brings us in contact with the Sacraments and ordinances of the Gospel, which affords us the opportunity of fellowship with believers, and enables us to extend our sympathies and afford our aid in the building of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. Hence an active parochial interest is the outcome of christian devotion.

The earnest christian and the attached parishloneer are synonymous. The indifference which often marks the parishloneer tells of ordinances and sacraments with no blessing, of vain oblation of prayers and praises.

And how sadly our Parishes lack true zeal and exertion. How common for a few, often a very few, to have to bear every burden, while as a whole the Parish is lukewarm. The Bishop in his visits finds a disheartened Pastor, he hears of a salary, limited at best, slowly paid; he sees a Sunday School small and poorly taught, and there are chilly tales of week day services and vestry meetings. Oh how one's heart pants and longs for the real household of faith. How the feeble parish explains the feeble Diocese. What a vision of peace and prosperity comes when we think of the spirit that we see prevailing in some parishes extending to all. Awake, dear brethren, to the feeling of a Parish, a family in the Lord. Plan for the growth of your Parish, determine to make your church a name. I urge our Parishes to self respect. A feeling of fewness and weakness is really the source of much that disheartens and disgraces us. I urge them to a generous rivalry with like bodies of the locality. A Churchman's cheek should blanch to hear his church spoken of as lifeless, to have his house of worship closed, his Parish but a name to live; while others who have no such heritage of churchly power are flourishing.

THE DIOCESE.

The relation of the Parish to the Diocese is most intimate. From the Diocese the Parish derives its life ecclesiastically. The Diocesan has it in charge as his flock. His ministrations are necessary and frequent. The Parish has the right and duty of representation in the Convention. Canons and decisions of the Convention are binding on the Parish. It is a union of strength and comfort, of obligation and benefit.

The Parish ought to have the deepest interest in the Diocese; and yet we find the Parish wrapped up in itself, alienating itself from the Diocese. It is ready to make its Missionary pledge as small as possible, to pay it slowly, grudgingly. It is willing to disown its obligation to support the Episcopal office, and to meet other Diocesan expenses.

To-day over \$1,500 stands charged against Parishes of high as well as low degree. It is common speech, "we have nothing to do with the Diocese, and Convention resolutions," and the Bishop's pastorals are unheeded.

It is not a true Parish love that acts and speaks thus. The man or woman true to their Parish is more sensible, broader, holier than this. It is the narrow parsimonious parishloneer who performs his part very poorly, who wants to ignore the Diocese.

My brethren, your Diocese not only needs, but has a claim on your sympathy. Your obligation is spiritual, it is individual. It has its part in the "account every one of us must give of himself to God."

THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

The Diocese is merged in the general Church. The great representative body of the Church gives it existence. It is governed by the Canons of the Church. It is called on to support the great missionary and other benevolent operations of the Church.

So the broader obligation of the Parish. Thus, appeals for all our missionary work in and beyond our country, come with authority to every parish. There is violation of promise and contract when they are unheeded. Common as well as christian honesty demands their willing, generous reception. This Church has no element of selfish parochialism, of exclusive diocesan regard. With these considerations, I would stir you up, dear brethren, to a hearty church interest. I would make you real, decided churchmen. It is this spirit in her people the Church

needs. I am most painfully impressed with the want of such a spirit among us, and yet our whole system is one of close ties, of mutual help, of generous sympathy.

Suffer the word of exhortation in this form of suggestions and directions.

1. Let the Clergy teach and preach in their bearing on feeling and action, the principles of the Church.

2. Let classes of all ages be formed for instruction as the Canon (21) directs.

3. Let the youth be enlisted in such good works as are suitable to them.

4. Let the circulation of Church papers, especially the Diocesan organ, be promoted.

5. Let every Parish have its monthly Missionary meeting where all benevolences may be presented.

6. Let the Woman's Auxiliary be encouraged.

7. Let the prayers prescribed by the Bishop for the Diocese and for Missions, be used as directed. And the Church in all its parts and interests be much in the family and private prayers of our people.

8. Let every church charity incumbent on us be faithfully presented, and the opportunity given for contributions.

May the Lord, the Head of the Church, grant us through these and other agencies a new and better spirit, more in accordance with our relations, more conducive to His Church's welfare and to His glory.

Yours in Christ and the Church,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Bishop suggests to the Clergy that this pastoral be read in connection with a discourse on the topic it presents.

A Pastoral for Eastertide.

To Wardens and Vestrymen of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN: Aside from previous experience, what has fallen under my observation in ten years' care of the Churches in our Diocese, has suggested the observations to which I ask your candid attention in this Pastoral.

I do not enter into the legal, and often vexed questions, that may arise, as to the relations and rights of the vestry and the parishioners, or even the vestry and the Rector. I rather seek to show how these may be avoided, and the vestry, parishioners, and Rector, may unite in wise and generous effort for the Parish, "the household of God."

NECESSITY OF A VESTRY.

There must be a body of laymen taking the responsibility of the temporal affairs of the Parish and Mission. Nothing can be more destructive of the proper influence of a clergyman than for him to have under his charge the business of his church. Aside from the demand on time which he has consecrated to his holy duties, and which belongs to the highest welfare of the people; It is impossible but that offenses will come that will fret and often violently break the pastoral bond.

The wisdom of the minister will be, to simply urge the importance of business

sagacity and diligence upon his vestry, and beyond this, to give as little time and attention as possible to the mere temporalities. While a vestry may be willing to be relieved of their work by their Rector, there will be none the less liability of unhappy criticism and discord when he may fall in judgment or success. We cannot make the business of the house of the Lord spiritual. The collection of pew rents or subscriptions, the supervision of a sexton, the conduct of ways and means, are no more nor less than the every day business of men. It little matters whether the lay management be known as a Vestry, Trustees, or a Committee.

THE ELECTION OF THE VESTRY.

The choice of the vestry should be made from the men of the Parish who are prominent by their Church intelligence and interest, the men who will give the Church strength in all its welfare. While there is no requirement of Christian profession, and the vestry are created by the civil law, their relation and their duties certainly require Christian belief, attendance on public worship, and a good reputation in the community. Our Parishes have suffered by selection from the class who are far outside the bounds of religion and morality.

ORGANIZATION OF THE VESTRY.

The choice of fit persons made, yet a formal notice should ascertain whether they will serve. There have been instances of a vestryman never attending a meeting, and claiming that he had been chosen unasked.

I suggest further, that there should be placed in the hands of a new vestryman some books, informing him in his duties, a partial list of which is subjoined.

Much difficulty comes from an utter misapprehension of the nature and relations of the office. The rights of the Bishop and the Rector are overlooked and opposed, and the Parish is weakened by neglect. A Secretary and Treasurer should be appointed. The latter officer should be just the business man who would be selected for a corporation that proposes safe and profitable business. No parish officer is more important. A Treasurer who will not attend to the collections, or who will not notify the vestry of an empty treasury; and then say to a Rector who needs his salary, that he has nothing to pay him, is very sure to bring a parish into trouble.

Other duties should be devolved on individuals and committees. Too often parish management illustrates "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." The vestry should have stated meetings, and these held in a suitable place, and opened with devotions.

PECUNIARY MATTERS.

I cannot too strongly advise business attention and accuracy in the pecuniary matters of the parish. The bills should be audited, bills and receipts always required, and at Easter a printed statement made to the parishioners showing the precise condition. I can recall scarcely a pecuniary difficulty in a parish, that this simple plan would not have avoided. People are far more ready to pay and to give, when they fully understand the situation, and see attention to details.

THE CLERICAL SALARY.

The Rector's salary may be secured by pew rents, subscriptions, or the envelope system. Whatever plan is adopted, let no call be made until the sum promised is pledged on paper, with a margin to meet the losses that must occur. And let the same carefulness be used at the beginning of every year. A clergyman coming into a parish does not feel entitled to enquire into the details of the support promised him, and yet he is the sufferer when, as is strangely often the case, only a part of the year is provided for. No man could secure a clerk whose hire was to depend on the expansion of the business.

GENERAL DUTIES.

The ordinary duties of a vestry are defined: They have the care of the church edifice as to repairs, insurance, warming and ventilation, lighting, furniture, and the preservation of good order during the celebration of Divine Service. They see that all under-officers faithfully discharge their duties.

The church wardens and vestrymen collect the alms and contributions of the congregation at the offertory in the church. They also provide the books for Divine Service; the wardens prepare the Holy Table; they provide clerical vestments, and see that they are kept in good order for use. In the vacancy of the parish, they take charge of the Parish Register, though they have no control over the list of communicants beyond noting deaths, removals, and letters commendatory received. Simple as these duties are, some of them are often sadly neglected. For want of proper heating apparatus and attention, the winter congregations dwindle. Too few, or neglected lamps, make the house of God gloomy and repulsive. No sexton, or a very poor one, leaves the church in a condition that would not be tolerated in a dwelling.

From a defective roof the building suffers, or an unsafe chimney or furnace threatens its destruction. The untidy church yard, the broken glass, the faded paint, speak to the passer-by of indifference.

SYMPATHY AND ATTENTION.

Something more than business attention should mark a vestry. The interest in the parish should develop itself in acts not in the bond. The wardens and vestrymen should gather round the Rector, assuring him of their sympathy and co-operation. They should go to him, and talk over the matters of the parish with him. It is a not uncommon complaint of a minister, "My vestry rarely or never come near me." Only an unwise clergyman will refuse to listen to suggestions kindly given by those who prove themselves his friends.

Finally, I make these observations, believing that there is a power in this church institution of wardens and vestry, that may be developed for the great benefit of our parishes and for the happiness and usefulness of our clergy.

May God direct us, Ministers of the Sanctuary, and those who wait on lesser but important ministries, in all things, that we may glorify Him and save the souls for whom His dear Son died.

Very sincerely your friend and Bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

Easter, 1885.

Useful Books for Wardens and Vestrymen.

"A Guide to Wardens and Vestrymen," the Right Rev. W. H. Delancey, D. D., D. C. L., Dutton & Co. The Rights and Duties of Rectors, Church Wardens and Vestrymen in the American Church; the Rev. H. M. Baum; Claxton, Remsen and Haffelfinger, Philadelphia.

The Churchman's Hand-book, a Practical guide on the Rights and Duties of Rectors, Wardens, Vestrymen, etc.; the Rev. Thomas Richey, D. D., Andrews, Partial & Hutchenson, Faribault, Minn. The Rev. Francis Cuming, D. D., the revered Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, published an admirable pamphlet on this subject but it is out of print.

See also digest of the Canons, Title I., Canon 14; parts of Canon 17, Sec. 1; Title II., Canon 12, Sec. 1; Canon 4. Canons of Western Michigan VIII., IX., X., XX. It would be well for the Rector to read publicly soon after Easter such Canons as relate to Wardens and Vestrymen.

A Prayer for Use Prior to the Election.

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the People of these United States, in general, so especially that Thou wouldst guide their choice of their Chief Magistrate and all others for places of serious trust in the State and Nation. Forbid the strife of party, the prejudice of partizanship. Grant that this thy people, being ruled by able men, such as fear God, men of truth hating covetousness; there may be peace in our days, and our country may enjoy thy blessing to thy honor and glory through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

I hereby authorize the use before Confirmation in any Parish or Mission of the following prayer from the Annexed Book entitled "for Young Persons preparing for Confirmation." The authorization is under Canon 15. Sec. XIV., Title I.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

Grand Rapids, January 2, 1885.

FOR PERSONS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION.

O LORD GOD, giver of heavenly increase, who by thy Spirit's might dost confirm the first efforts of feeble souls; encourage in the hearts of these thy children every good intent, and carry them from strength to strength. Cleanse their consciences, and stir their wills gladly to serve Thee, the living GOD. Leave no room in them for spiritual wickedness, no lurking place for secret sins; but so establish and sanctify them by the power of Thy Holy Word, that evermore taking heed unto the thing that is right, and speaking and doing the truth, they may find godliness their gain both in the life which now is, and that which is to come, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Correspondence.

ENTERED ON THE JOURNAL BY VOTE OF THE CONVENTION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BISHOP'S SUGGESTION. SEE PAGE 51.

Laymen's Address to Bishop Gillespie.

DEAR BISHOP.—A few of us have called upon you this evening, not as members of S. Mark's Church—though we all happen to come from that parish—but as representing the Laymen of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and I have been requested, not on account of any peculiar fitness of my own, but because I happen to be one of the oldest diocesan officers residing here, to say a few words in their behalf.

The majority of us who are here remember well your coming among us nearly ten years ago and with what faltering uncertainty we then cut loose from the mother Diocese to make for ourselves a name and a standing among the sisterhood of Dioceses. We felt then, as we now fully realize, that much depended upon the good judgment, the sound discretion, and the wise counsels of our Diocesan. I think I am justified in saying, without intending any offensive flattery, that we expected much of you and we have not been disappointed. We have seen you enter upon this great work with a fervid enthusiasm and holy zeal. We have found you fully up to the requirements of S. Paul—"instant in season and out of season, * * * not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer, distributing to the necessity of saints, given to hospitality."

We have found your humane sympathies leading you to espouse the cause of down-trodden, suffering humanity in all its forms so that you are looked to for counsel and your name has become identified with every charitable, pauper and penal institution in this State and the general cause of public charities throughout the land.

We have found you enthusiastically pushing on with the "Glad Tidings" often to be met only with coldness and disappointment.

We have found you never sparing yourself in anything, but attending personally to every little detail connected with the work of this Diocese, so that after a ten years' stewardship you are able to say that as a Diocese, "We claim all rights, we let no man despise our youth or our stature, and we accept all obligations."

Out of our poverty we have accumulated an Episcopal Fund, including the Episcopal residence, amounting to over \$29,000, besides other property, real and personal, held by various officers and the board of trustees for various objects, amounting to over \$5,000, making the financial result of ten years' work about \$35,000. In addition to this there have been expended in the same time within this Diocese over \$60,000 for building churches, chapels and rectories.

S. Mark's church has freed herself from the bondage of debt, and the church at Kalamazoo is no longer divided, so that those two now strong parishes will hereafter be in a position to aid substantially in every good work.

We have already realized, then, in some measure the sentiment expressed in your letter accepting the bishopric, that you hoped "by cheerful toil wherever God's work demands it, by wise and gentle counsel, by sympathy in all trials and difficulties, by a holy walk and conversation, at least to lay foundations upon which those who came after may build in greater beauty and strength."

And now we are approaching an important event in the history of the Church in America—the Centennial Celebration of the Consecration of Bishop Seabury, the first American Bishop. The General Convention has appropriately noticed the event. Our own Diocesan Convention did likewise and expressed the desire that you might represent us in the solemnities at Aberdeen, to take place the coming October. The Laymen of this Diocese, acting upon that suggestion, and remembering your long and faithful service without rest or relaxation, determined to give practical effect to that expression by furnishing you the means, if it might be your desire at all to go. We have called upon such of our number in several parishes as came within easy reach and, although we must admit for the laity that we are often cold and indifferent and do not come up to the full measure of our Christian duty, yet could you have seen the heartiness and unanimity with which this sum has been made up you would realize that the life of a Bishop has some rewards in this world for the trials and responsibilities of that high and holy office—the love and sincere affection of his whole flock.

The Clergy have not been allowed, for obvious reasons, to contribute anything to this fund, though they are heartily in sympathy, and their prayers go up with our offering.

Therefore, in the name of the Laity of this Diocese, I present you this draft for \$700, deposited in the bank for you. Take it, and if you have desired, or now desire, to go to Scotland, let this be the "open sesame" to provide the way.

On the other hand, as this money was raised to be expended by you in physical relaxation and recuperation, we do not wish in any manner to dictate the method of such relaxation, fearing that we might inadvertently impose a burden. You are, therefore at full liberty to expend it for the purpose aforesaid in any other manner that to you may be most agreeable, provided, only, that such use of it be not unnecessarily delayed.

W. J. STUART,

And 160 others representing 9 Parishes.

REPLY OF BISHOP GILLESPIE.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, 162 Fountain St., August 22, 1884.

Mr. W. J. Stuart "and 160 others representing 9 Parishes."

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Your communication has been before me for some time. You may well refer to its expressions and the generous action which it presents as evidence that "the life of a Bishop has some rewards in this world for the trials and responsibilities of that high and holy office."

While I must feel that you have put far too high an estimate upon my work and its results, I can but be gratified that you have watched with interest and sympathy

thy my Episcopate. I should be unworthy my office and recreant to its vows could I not accept your words, where you accord to me "a fervid enthusiasm and holy zeal," but with as honest a conviction I must express, that to the same pure devotion in my Clergy and Laity I owe stimulus to my work, and whatever happy results may have attended it.

In all the trials incident to my office, and to the field in which I have been called to exercise it, and they have not been few, I have had the helpful feeling that even though I might err I was trusted by those to whom I was responsible, and for whose personal regards I was anxious. No greater earthly comfort can I ask for the time the Master may keep me in his vineyard, than to continue to have such trust and affection as your letter expresses.

To the proposition which you make to me, to attend "the Centennial Celebration of Bishop Seabury's Consecration," enforced as it is by your very ample provision, I have given the more thought as I was sure it had had no hint from me.

I have been the more desirous, not needlessly, to set aside the proposal, as you express a desire that the Diocese should be represented.

Yet there seem obstacles in the way which, if fully presented, I am sure you would acquit me of any indifference to your wishes.

While there are leading reasons which I may not even allude to, I may mention the difficulty in the short time of various responsibilities which, left, would deny me the quiet mind which is necessary for healthful and happy travel; the danger of cholera appearing in parts of Europe I would wish to visit, and the want of companionship in visiting strange lands.

Your kind thoughtfulness, in putting me "at full liberty to expend the gift in any other manner that may be most agreeable to me, provided that such use be not unnecessarily delayed," allows me the pleasant prospect of journeying at some near time in lands I have not visited. This I shall make my arrangements to do. Believe me, Gentlemen, very sincerely Your Friend and Bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

Editor of the Church Helper:

Enclosed, I send you for publication a letter from our beloved Bishop which explains itself:

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 19, '85.

MY DEAR MR. STUART:

Enclosed you will please find certificates of deposit for the money sent me through you in August last, to be used for a journey, "such use to be not unnecessarily delayed."

Of course there are considerations and circumstances bearing on an absence of some length, that are personal and cannot be communicated to others.

And as I find that the generous donors contemplated an early use of their liberality, it seems to me proper to replace the funds in your hands.

At the same time, I wish to impress on all who have participated in this movement for my health and comfort, how deeply I feel their kindness.

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

I have held the foregoing for some time hoping to induce him to recall it before it was made public, but, after a full consideration of the matter with him to-day, I am inclined to coincide with his views. I find that unforeseen and unexpected

demands have been made upon him which have rendered it absolutely impossible for him to take a pleasure trip this winter as he expected, or for some time to come; that he is constantly being inquired of as to when he is going, or why he does not go, and as he cannot go into all the details of his affairs to all, some might possibly think he did not care or intend to make the proper use of their generosity.

I hope you can suggest some way through the *Helper* whereby the donors may still make it available to him in the future when it shall be entirely convenient to him. Possibly representatives of all the Parishes contributing can meet during the Convention here.

Very respectfully,

W. J. STUART.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 19, 1885.

Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.,

MY DEAR BISHOP:

At a meeting held this evening of those contributing to the fund raised last fall and presented to you for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a vacation trip and by you returned to me some time ago, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that Mr. Stuart be directed to return said fund to the Bishop to be used by himself and family for *recreation* at such times and in such manner as he may see fit.

In accordance therewith I return you the certificates of deposit you placed in my hands.

Yours very truly,

W. J. STUART.

Grand Rapids, June 3, 1885.

P. MACFARLANE,

In account with Bishop's Vacation Purse:

	Dr.
To amount paid up subscriptions as per pass book:—	
Grand Rapids	\$429 00
Big Rapids	25 00
Muskegon	51 00
Kalamazoo	82 00
Marshall	28 00
Hastings	50 00
Battle Creek	33 00
Siles	25 00
Coldwater	20 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 90
	\$753 00
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By amount paid for actual expenses	\$43 00
" " " Certif. Dept. order of Bishop Gillespie	710 00

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 27, 1884.

We hereby certify that we have examined and compared the foregoing statement with the original subscription list and find the same correct.

W. J. STUART,

A. C. TORRY,

Laymen.

Parochial Reports.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS, TITLE I., CANON 14, SECTION IV., (3); CANON 17, SECTION I.; AND OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, CANON VIII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

S. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. BELNO ADDISON BROWN, Rector. (1884.)

C. H. Daskam, Charles Lane, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 5; total, 15.	Confirmed, -	-	-	9
Communicants—				
Last reported, 55; admitted, 9; died, 3; removed, 2; total lost, 5; present				
number, male, 12; female, 47; total,	-	-	-	59
Marriage, 1; burials,	-	-	-	6
Public Services—Sundays, 120; week days, 1; total,	-	-	-	121
Holy Communion—Public, 23; private, 2.	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 80; children, 40; total,	-	-	-	120
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	52
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 2; total,	-	-	-	4
Pupils, male, 10; female, 25; total,	-	-	-	35

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	\$5 00
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	621 96
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	\$626 96
Assessment of the Convention, (1883-84)	-	-	-	\$37 08
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	-	1 77
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	-	\$38 85

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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General Missions,	\$1 54
Foreign Missions,	1 54
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	\$3 08
Total of Offerings,	\$668 89

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$100.00; subscriptions, \$521.96; other sources, \$46.93.

On Ash-Wednesday night, St. James' Church, Albion, burned to the ground. \$3000.00, including insurance, have been raised towards building a new brick Church, which, it is hoped, will be finished before the coming winter.

Bishop's Address, page 81.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan Co. (1860.)

The Rev. D. D. CHAPIN, Rector. (1881.)

Dan J. Arnold, Wm. B. Williams, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 11. Confirmed,	3
Communicants—	
Last reported, 71; Admitted, 7; present number, male, 24; female, 54; total,	78
Marriage,	1
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 80; total,	182
Holy Communion—Public,	23
Congregation—Families, 60; adults, 120; Children, 90; total,	210
Catechising—Number of times,	20
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 6; total	9
Pupils, male, 30; female, 36; total,	66
Number of volumes, Sunday School Library,	300

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$10 00
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	850 00
Sidewalks around Church,	60 00
Sidewalks around Parsonage,	30 00
Papering Parsonage,	25 00
Interest on Parsonage,	55 00
Altar vases (gift),	15 00
By the Sunday School for general purposes,	20 00
Ladies' Society, Organ Fund,	150 00
Interest on endowment,	17 50
Total for Parochial objects,	\$1,232 50
Diocesan Missions, Rev. D. D. Chapin,	85 00
Diocesan Missions, Sunday School,	20 00
Assessment of the Convention,	38 48
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	5 45
By Branch Woman's Auxillary, one box,	20 50
Total for Diocesan objects,	\$89 43
General Missions,	5 15
Foreign Missions, by the Sunday School,	4 75

Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	3 00
Woman's Auxilliary, two boxes,	-	-	-	22 65
By the Sunday School, through Woman's Auxilliary,	-	-	-	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,				\$40 55
Total of Offerings,				\$1,362 48
Value of Church Property The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; other property, \$250; total, \$7,750.				
Indebtedness—Floating, \$350; Secured, \$750.				
The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.				
Bishop's Address, pages 80, 81.				

S. Matthew's, Mission, Baldwin, Lake County. (1879.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1882.)

Baptized—Adult,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—	-	-	-	-	-
Last reported, 9; removed, 2; present number, female,	-	-	-	-	7
Public services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	4
Congregation—Families, 5; adults, 20; children 22; total,	-	-	-	-	42
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid on indebtedness, on mortgage,	-	-	-	\$92 00
Insurance,	-	-	-	5 00
Incidentals,	-	-	-	1 55
Total for Parochial objects,				\$98 55
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	1 57
Total of Offerings,				\$100 12

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$98.55.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$600; Rectory \$400; other property, \$60.00; total, \$1,060.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$50.42; Secured, \$50.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 90.

I have spent one Sunday in Baldwin, had two services, baptized one person (adult), offered services frequently on week day evening, but they thought it would not pay. The Church and parsonage is now being fenced which will be a protection to the property and an improvement to the town. Parsonage rents for \$5.00 per month.

S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. (1842.)

The Rev. WILLIAM W. TAYLOR, Rector. (1884.)

Clement Wakelee, Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	5
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Communicants—

Last Reported, 202; received 8; died, 2; removed, 14; dropped, 47; total	
lost, 63; present number, male, 26; female, 121; total,	147
Burials,	7
Public services—Sundays, 54; week days, 31; total,	87
Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 6	15
Congregation—Families, 126; adults, 265; children, 121; total,	396
Catechising—Every Sunday by either Rector or Superintendent.	-
Sunday School—Teachers, male 3; female, 8; total,	11
Pupils, male, 31; female, 74; total,	105
Average attendance,	68
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	360

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$27 25
For the Sunday School,	20 00
For the poor,	9 17
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,616 80
By the Sunday School, for its support,	32 65
Total for Parochial objects,	\$1,705 87
Diocesan Missions,	\$50 00
Assessment of the Convention,	98 50
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	14 00
Box for Missionary, by Ladies' Parish Aid,	25 00
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	15 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	\$202 50
Domestic Missions,	\$11 50
Foreign Missions,	10 00
Bible and Prayer Book Societies,	8 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	4 00
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	4 11
Bishop Gillespie scholarship, St. Margaret's, Tokio,	5 20
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.	\$42 81
Total of Offerings,	\$1,951 18

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$157.25; pew rents, \$1,269.48; the envelope system, \$190.00; Women's Associations, \$34.17; income from investments, \$180.00; the Sunday School, \$60.96; other sources, \$109.38; total, \$1,951.18.

Value of Church property—The Church and Chapel, \$24,200.00; Rectory, \$1,800.00; total, \$26,000.00.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 500; number of free sittings, 60.

Bishop's Address, pages 76, 79, 81. See also page 97.

Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor, Berrien Co. (1883.)

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, D. D., Missionary. (1884.)

A. Coates, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 1; total, 4

Communicants—

Last reported, 19; Admitted, 1; removed, 1; dropped, 2; total lost, 3; present number, male, 5; female, 12; total,	17
Burials,	4
Public services—Sundays, 32; week days, 13; total,	45
Holy Communion—Public,	12
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 60; children, 10; total,	70
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 2; total,	4
Pupils, male, 14; female, 10; total,	24
Average attendance,	20
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	44

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$210 18
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	14 20
Total for Parochial objects,	\$224 38
Diocesan Missions,	10 00
Domestic Missions,	\$1 55
Foreign Missions,	1 55
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	\$3 10
Total of Offerings,	\$237 48

The source of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$6.70; subscriptions, \$148.05; Individual Gifts, \$12.28; Women's Associations, \$109.04; the Sunday School, \$4.20; total, \$330.25.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$21.34.

Value of Church property—Total, \$200.

Hartford and Breedsville are under the charge of the Missionary.

Bishop's Address, pages 74, 78.

S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1871.)

The Rev. MONTGOMERY S. WOODRUFF, Rector. (1885.)

Calvin W. Nottingham, Charles B. Mosher, Wardens.

Baptized Infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmed,	2
Communicants—	
Last reported, 71; admitted, 2; received, 7; total added, 9; died, 2; removed, 11; total lost, 13; present number, male, 12; female, 55; total,	67
Marriage, 1; burials,	5
Public Services—Sundays, 116; week days, 16; total,	132
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 75; adults, 175; children, 125; total,	300
Catechising—Number of times,	10
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 8; total,	9
Pupils, male, 30; female, 50; total,	80
Average attendance,	57
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	240

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$32 28
Big Rapids Union Benevolent Association,	4 18
Woman's Auxillary,	8 25
Lenten Services,	1 45
Miscellaneous,	20
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,097 65
The increase and improvement of Church property,	1,003 36

By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	-	-	56 00	
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-		\$2,203 37
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$30 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	23 67	
Deaf-Mute fund,	-	-	2 50	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	4 00	
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	3 00	
Box to Diocesan Missionary by Woman's Auxilliary,	-	-	15 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-		\$78 17
General Missions,	-	-	\$12 00	
Domestic Missions,	-	-	5 00	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	5 00	
Church Building Fund,	-	-	2 50	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	-	-	3 00	
By Woman's Auxilliary, Mrs. Brunt's School, Gordonsville, Va.	-	-	5 00	
By the Woman's Auxilliary, Hospital Fund, Tokio,	-	-	3 55	
By the Sunday School, for Bp. Gillespie scholarship, Tokio,	-	-	4 50	
By the Sunday School, for Teacher, Pittsboro, N. C.,	-	-	2 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-		\$42 64
Total of Offerings,	-	-		\$2,324 18
Value of Church property—The Church, \$3,000.; Rectory, \$1,500.; total, \$4,500.				
Indebtedness - Floating, \$758 36; Secured, on Rectory, \$400.				
The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 200.				
Missionary services have been held at Howard City, 5; Reed City, 1.				
Bishop's Address, pages 78, 81. See also page 97.				

Cadillac, Wexford County.

Unorganized Mission.

In temporary charge of Rev. J. S. LARGE, Traverse City.

Communicants—

Last reported, male, 3; female, 9; total, - - - - 12

The only services here during the year were in July and August 1884, by the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers, Fenton, Diocese of Michigan, who reports the baptism of an infant.

Charlevoix, Charlevoix County.

Unorganized Mission.

In temporary charge of Rev. WILLIAM MORRALL, Elk Rapids.

Baptized—Infants,

Communicants—

Last reported, male, 5; female, 10; total, - - - - 15

Public Services—Sundays, 4; week day, 1; total, - - - - 5

Holy Communion - Public once.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For expenses of the Bishop's visitation, - - - - \$2 00

For Diocesan Missions, - - - - 9 71

Total of Offerings, - - - - \$11 17

Bishop's Address. page 76.

Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1877.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Last reported, - - - - - 7

Removals and other causes have reduced the number of adherents to the Church to a very few. The Church property here is in a most unfortunate condition, consisting of a house but no site, held in virtue of a bill of sale by Mr. Charles M. Atkins. The building has been rented for school purposes, the rent being shared with the Laurance estate, owner of the lot where it stands. There is no report of the amount accrued for the benefit of the Mission.

S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Rector. (1875.)

Noah P. Loveridge, D. C. Powers, M. D. Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 12; adults, 3; total, 15.	Confirmed,	-	-	6
Communicants—				
Last reported, 125; admitted, 9; received, 11; total added, 20; died, 1; removed, 5; total lost, 6; present number male, 33; female, 106; total,				139
Marriages, 4; Burials,				16
Public services—Sundays, 94; week days, 93; total,				187
Holy Communion—Public, 18; private, 1.				-
Congregation—Families, 84; adults, 200; children, 96; total,				296
Catechising—Number of times, monthly.				-
Sunday School—Teachers, male 3; female, 5; total,				8
Pupils, male, 28; female, 42; total,				70
Average attendance,				55
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,				200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$58 50
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance	-	1,318 07
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	-	46 98
By the Sunday School, for Bell Fund,	-	33 57
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$1,457 12
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$75 00
Assessment of the Convention (two years),	-	146 96
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	7 53
Individual gift to Diocesan Missionary, through Woman's Auxiliary,	-	5 50
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$234 99
General Missions,	-	\$8 00
Domestic Missions,	-	2 75
Foreign Missions,	-	2 75
Indian Missions, one box, value,	-	12 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,	-	4 91
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	-	2 20

By the Sunday School, for Home Missions to Colored People, - 3 08

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - \$33 89

Total of Offerings, - - - \$1,725 80

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$268.27; pew rents, \$1,918.07; the envelope system, \$75.00; individual gifts, \$17.50; Womens' Associations, \$305.50; the Sunday School, \$63.63; other sources, \$57.83; total, \$1,725.80.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$14,000; the Chapel, \$2,500; total, \$16,500. Indebtedness.—Floating, \$2,448.22.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 400; number of free sittings, all that are required.

Missionary services have been held at Burr Oak and Sturgis.

Bishop's Address, Pages 80, 81. See also page 97.

Epiphany Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1877.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—

Last reported, - - - - - 12

Public Services—Week day, one. Offering for expenses \$0.75.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$650.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

Bishop's Address, page 79.

S. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co. (1876.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—

Last reported, - - - - - 6

Public Services—Sunday, 2.

Offering for Diocesan Missions, - - - - - \$1.57.

S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (1871.)

VACANT.

James Ellis, Wm. C. Lewis, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5. Confirmed, - - - 6

Communicants—

Last reported, 37; admitted, 6; received 1; total added, 7; removed, 2;

present number, male, 9; female, 33; total, - - - 42

Burials, - - - - - 2

Public Services—Sundays, - - - - - 23

Holy Communion—Public, - - - - - 3

Congregation—Families, 32; adults, 60; children, 31; total,	-	-	91
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 7; total,	-	-	9
Pupils, male, 30; female, 20; total,	-	-	50
Average attendance,	-	-	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

All expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$80 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	1,597 66
Organ,	-	-	100 00
Freight on Prayer Books,	-	-	4 80
By the Sunday School, for sundries,	-	-	15 55
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	\$1,798 01
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$17 23
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	8 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	\$25 23
By the Sunday School, for Colored Missions,	-	-	8 00
By the Sunday School, for Jewish Missions,	-	-	\$8 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	\$16 00
Total of offerings,	-	-	\$1,839 24

Value of Church property—The Church, \$5,254.67; other property, \$470.50; total, \$5,725.17.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$433.31; secured, \$800.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 260.

Bishop's Address, page 76.

S. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. J. A. McGLONE, Missionary. (1884.)

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	3
Communicants—				
Last reported, 7; received, 8; present number, male, 5; female, 10; total,	-	-	-	15
Public Services—Week days,	-	-	-	3
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 15; children, 12; total,	-	-	-	27
Value of Church property—Lots, \$600.				

S. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1876.)

The Rev. ALEXANDER OVERBY, Rector. (1884.)

Thos. A. Parish, Fred Hutty, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 8. Confirmed,	-	-	-	8
Communicants—				
Last reported, 55; admitted, 26; died, 3; removed, 9; dropped, 1; total	-	-	-	68
lost, 12; present number male, 17; female, 51; total,	-	-	-	68
Marriages, 1; burials,	-	-	-	4
Public services—Sundays, 52; week days, 25; total,	-	-	-	77

Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 1.	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 43; children, 48; total,	-	-	91
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	10
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 32; female, 37; total,	-	-	69
Average attendance,	-	-	55
Number of volumes, Sunday School Library,	-	-	250

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sunday offerings,	-	-	-	\$158 25
Pledges,	-	-	-	405 12
Ladies' Society,	-	-	-	30 00
Easter offerings,	-	-	-	40 13
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance, \$633.50.	-	-	-	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	75 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	250 00
By the Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	-	-	-	91 75
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	\$1,050 25
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	\$15 00
General Missions, to Miss Carter,	-	-	-	5 40
By the Sunday School, for aid to Sunday Schools in New York,	-	-	-	
Wisconsin and Iowa,	-	-	-	14 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	\$19 90
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$1,085 15

The sources of contributions above reported are the Offertory, \$196.38, pew rents, \$405.12; Women's Associations, \$30.00; the Sunday School, \$91.75; other sources, \$325.00.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$6,000.00; Rectory, \$1,500.00; other property, \$3,000.00; total, \$10,500.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, Diocesan assessment for two years*; secured, \$750.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Parish vacant from April 13th to August 1884.

The Rector revised the Communion list. Persons who had been confirmed in years past, their names had not been added to the list, and this accounts for the additions.

* Assessment for 1883, \$69.73; for 1884, \$48.12.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 81.

S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

The Rev. E. SPRUILL BURFORD, M. A., Rector. (1880.)

The Rev. FREDERICK A. DEROSSET, M. A. Assistant. (1884.)

William R. Shelby, Charles S. Hazeltine, M. D., Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 49; adults, 23; total, 72. Confirmed, - - 61

Communicants—

Last reported, 622; admitted, 61; received, 94; total added, 155; died, 15;

removed, 12; dropped, 4; total lost, 67; present number, male, 225; female,

485; total, - - - - 710

Marriages, 32; burials, - - - - 28

Public Services—Sundays, 190; week days, 630; total, - - 820

Holy Communion—Public, 91; private, 7.	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 306; adults, 1,250; children, 750; total,	-	-	2,000
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	122
Sunday Schools (3)—Teachers, male, 12; female, 25; total,	-	-	37
Pupils, male, 222; female, 292; total,	-	-	514
Average attendance,	-	-	398
Industrial School—Teachers, 30; girls,	-	-	375
Girls' Friendly Society—Associates, 12; members,	-	-	40
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 175; S. S. Library,	-	-	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$210 28
S. Mark's Surpliced Choir (offerings)	-	76 82
S. Mark's Home and Hospital,	-	3,189 98
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	6,921 81
The increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	577 39
Paid on indebtedness, Rectory and Chapel,	-	1,539 83
Rectory, interest and repairs on same,	-	1,219 02
By the Sunday School, for books, papers and festivals,	-	241 69
By the Chapel Sunday School, for improvements,	-	167 14
By the Girls' Industrial School (self-support),	-	78 85
By the Girls' Friendly Society,	-	28 00

Total for Parochial objects, - - - \$14,250 67

Diocesan Missions,	-	\$655 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	228 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	50 10
For S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo,	-	22 61
Deaf mute Fund,	-	37 68
By the Sunday School, for S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo,	-	25 00
By Industrial Band, for Bishop's purse,	-	30 00
By Helping Hand, Missionary box and cash,	-	45 00

Total for Diocesan objects, - - - \$1,083 37

Domestic Missions,	-	\$154 00
Foreign Missions,	-	122 00
Indian Missions, by the Industrial Band,	-	111 40
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	30 83
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	-	15 05
Missions in Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida,	-	129 35

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - \$562 63

Total of Offerings, - - - \$15,806 77

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$2,766.35; pew rents, \$6,131.31; subscriptions, \$2,175.00; individual gifts, \$450; Women's Associations, \$755.10; the Sunday School, \$368.28; other sources, \$3,170.73; total, \$15,806.77.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$65,000.00; Chapel and School House, \$22,000; Rectory, \$12,000; other property, \$8,200; total, \$107,200.00.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 1,350; number of free sittings 500. In the Chapel, Free seats.

The statistics of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd are included in this report. The three Sunday Schools are doing good work among the working classes, and

the Industrial (sewing) schools are in a very flourishing condition. Our Home and Hospital is well conducted and has the confidence and support of the city and county officers. We have great reasons to be glad for what God has enabled us to do in this Parish. We believe the daily and morning services, and the weekly and Holy-Day Communions have been large factors in securing these favorable results.

Bishop's Address, pages 79, 81, 82, 83. See also page 97.

S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

The Rev. J. RICE TAYLOR, Rector. (1886.)

E. Anderson, Wm. F. Walker. Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6; Confirmed, -	-	-	2
Communicants—			
Last reported, 87; admitted, 2; removed, 5; dropped, (by the late Rector, Rev. Mr. Jefferson,) 16; total lost, 21; present number, male, 13; female, 55; total,	-	-	68
Marriages, 2; Burials,	-	-	3
Public services—Sundays, 93; week days, 30; total,	-	-	123
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 52; adults, 110; children, 60; total,	-	-	170
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	16
Sunday School—Teachers, male 2; female, 8; total,	-	-	10
Pupils, male, 37; female, 42; total,	-	-	79
Average attendance,	-	-	50
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aids at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$15 00
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	483 87
By the Sunday School, for papers and books,	-	38 80
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$537 67
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$3 80
Assessment of the Convention,	-	10 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$13 80
Total of Offerings,	-	\$551 47

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$199.51; the envelope system, \$297.57; subscriptions, \$24.50; Women's Associations, \$13.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$6,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 280.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 83.

Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

The Rev. F. C. COOLBAUGH, Rector. (1880.)

Jacob Kleinhans, W. H. Raiguel, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 11; adult, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, -	-	-	9
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Communicants—

Last reported, 118; admitted, 8; received, 17; total added, 25; present number, male, 29; female, 114; total,	143
Marriages, 7; burials,	14
Public Services—Sundays, 164; week days, 100; total,	264
Holy Communion—Public, 55; private, 5.	-
Congregation—Families, 100; adults, 200; children, 130; total,	330
Catechising—Number of times,	30
Sunday School—Teachers, male 5; female, 7; total,	12
Pupils, male, 45; female, 50; total,	95
Average attendance,	80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,432 00
Paid on indebtedness,	1,386 72
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	53 82
Total for Parochial objects,	\$2,872 54
Diocesan Missions,	\$60 00
Assessment of the Convention (two years),	181 32
Total for Diocesan objects,	\$241 32
General Missions,	\$1 00
Total of Offerings,	\$3,114 86

The sources of contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$814.72; the envelope system, \$722.00; legacies, 1,131.00; Women's Associations, \$392.32; the Sunday School, \$53.82; total, \$3,114.86.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$10,000.00; Rectory, \$2,000.00; total, \$12,000.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$165.00; Secured, \$3,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 80, 83.

S. Paul's Mission, Greenville, Montcalm County (1881.)

The Rev. EDWIN G. NOCK, in temporary charge. (1885.)

George M. Chandler, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adult, 1; total, 3. Confirmed,	3
Communicants—	
Last reported, 32; present number, male, 5; female, 27; total,	32
Public services—Sundays, 4; week days, 11; total,	15
Holy Communion—Public, 1.	-
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 6; total	7
Pupils, male, 15; female, 20; total,	35
Average attendance,	20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$122 98
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	18 20
By the Sunday School for Library,	5 00
Total for Parochial objects,	\$146 18

Diocesan Missions	\$25 03
By Woman's Auxilliary, box for Missionary,	20 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	\$45 03
General Missions,	\$4 21
Domestic Missions, by the Sunday School,	3 02
Foreign Missions,	4 63
Home Missions for Colored people,	10 00
Indian Missions, by the Sunday School,	1 00
Church Building Fund,	6 13
By woman's Auxilliary for Hospital, at Tokio,	2 00
By Woman's Auxilliary, for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, at Tokio, Japan,	1 00
Colored Teacher, Pittsboro, N. C.,	2 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	\$34 90
Total of offerings,	\$225 70

The sources of contributions mentioned are the Offertory, \$66.36; the envelope system, 22.90; individual gifts, \$12.73; Women's Association, \$25.50; the Sunday School, 27.22; other sources, \$70.90.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,800.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$65.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Since March 25th I have officiated on Thursday evening of each week. Other services have been held during the year but when, and how often I am not informed. The accounts have not been kept for the whole year therefore I am unable to report all that has been contributed.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 80, 83.

S. John's Mission, Harbor Springs, Emmet County. (1883.)

In temporary charge of Rev. W. MORRALL, Elk Rapids.

Charles Scott, Warden.

James M. Burbeck, Treasurer; Charles S. Crandall, Secretary.

Communicants—

Last reported, 8; removed 1; present number, female, 7
Public Services—By the Rev. Mr. Elmer, of Sycamore, Ill., three Sundays:
the Rev. Mr. Tate, two Sundays, the Rev. Messrs. H. J. Cook, P. Macfarlane,
J. W. Bancroft and J. H. Babcock, each one Sunday.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Clerical services, to the Rev. Mr. Elmer,	\$10 17
Paid on indebtedness, for furnace,	50 00
Total for Parochial objects,	\$60 17
Diocesan Missions,	\$16 18
Total of Offerings,	\$76 35

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$33.34; other sources, \$43.01.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

"The Church is always open every Lord's Day, as we have a small Sunday School carried on by two ladies. Our sole indebtedness is on our furnace, towards which we paid \$50 this spring. We have only seven communicants, all ladies. There are several children to be baptized, and several persons who speak of being confirmed when an opportunity presents itself. Three of our members have removed permanently to other places. The collections of our Sunday School have been used for heating the Church."

Mrs. HELEN M. VARNEY.

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1883.)

The Rev. JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, Rector. (1883.)

Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total,	-	-	-	8
Communicants—				
Last reported, 90; received 6; removed, 1; present number, male, 16; female,				
79; total,	-	-	-	95
Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	-	10
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 79; total,	-	-	-	179
Holy Communion—Public, 30.	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 43; adults, 106; children, 67; total,	-	-	-	172
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	7
Pupils, male, 41; female, 33; total,	-	-	-	74
Average attendance,	-	-	-	40
Number of volumes, Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	164

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$27 23
For the Sunday School, Library and Hymnals,	-	26 33
For the Sunday School, Christmas and other expenses,	-	37 35
Rector's Salary,	-	108 00
Sexton's Salary,	-	78 00
Other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	49 65
Increase of Parochial Building Fund, \$92.18; of which from Sunday School \$6.39. Amount of Parochial Building Fund, \$315.03.		
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	-	11 41
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$638 87
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$90 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	41 76
Permanent Missionary Fund,	-	10 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	8 45
To the Chapel Fund and the Missionary at Manistee,	-	14 50
Deaf-Mute Fund	-	3 28
To the General Missionary for Deaf-Mutes,	-	2 31
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	5 00
"Willing Hands" to the Bishop's Fund,	-	1 50
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$176 75

General Missions,	45	11
House of Rest, Charleston, S. C.	2	00
Foreign Missions,	1	00
Bp. Thompson's work for Colored People,	12	35
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	3	24
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	2	54
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	3	75
General Clergy Relief,	10	00
Church Building Fund,	3	33
Woman's Auxiliary for General Missions,	1	70
By the Sunday School, for Colored Missions,	1	59
By S. S. (sewing class) garments for Gordonsville, Va., school,	19	37
By S. S., Christmas gifts to Indian Missions,	9	14
By a S. S. scholar to House of Rest, Charleston, Va.,	25	
By S. S. for Hospital and scholarship, Tokio, Japan,	3	71

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, \$119 08

Total of Offerings, \$1,234 40

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$113.76; the envelope system, \$707.10; subscriptions, \$226.87; individual gifts, \$1.50; Women's Associations, \$210.21; the Sunday School, \$24.96; total, \$1,234.40.

Value of Church property—The Chapel and lot, \$2,500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 160.

Bishop's Address, pages 78, 81. See also page 97.

Grace Church, Holland, Ottawa County. (1866.)

In temporary charge of the Rev. F. C. COOLBAUGH.

Communicants—

Last reported, 25; died, 1; present number, male, 3; female, 21; total,	24
Public Services—Sundays, 2; week day, 1; total,	3
Sunday School—pupils, total,	20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Bishop's expenses of Visitation,	\$3 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 00
Domestic Missions,	\$1 96
Foreign Missions,	1 97

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, \$3 93

Total of offerings, \$8 93

Value of Church property—The Church, \$2,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Indebtedness on Church Property, \$1,400.

Since the first of January I have held weekly services in Grace Church, Holland, but am not prepared to make any formal report, not having had the Parish Register.

Bishop's Address, pages 75, 79.

Christ Church, Homer, Calhoun County. (1841.)

The Rev. BELNO ADDISON BROWN, Rector. (Aug. 1, 1884.)

Stephen A. LaDow, John Peppett, Wardens.

Baptized - Infant,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—						
Last reported, 18; present number, male, 8; female, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	-	18
Marriage, 1; burial,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 30; children, 15; total,	-	-	-	-	-	45
Catechising - Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Sunday School—Teacher, male,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pupils, male, 5; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	-	-	10

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$165 65
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The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$50.00; subscriptions, \$115.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

The Church is now insured for one year and the policy paid.

During the coming summer it is proposed to make some alterations in the interior of the Church, rendering it more suitable for divine worship. The congregations are encouraging, and considerable interest is displayed.

Bishop's Address, page 78.

Calvary Mission, Howard City, Montcalm County. (1880.)

In temporary charge of the Rev. M. S. WOODRUFF, Big Rapids.

Communicants—

Last reported, 11; removed, 2; present number, male, 2; female, 7; total,	9
Public services—By the Rev. J. H. Babcock, 5; the Rev. E. J. Babcock, 4; total,	9
Holy Communion—Public,	1
Congregation—Families, 7; individuals, total,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Offerings to officiating Clergyman,	-	-	\$10 60
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	4 19
Total of offerings,	-	-	\$14 88

The school house in which services were held is now burned.

S. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County. (1842.)

The Rev. EDWIN G. NOCK, Rector. (1885.)

Ethan T. Montgomery, James Vosper, Wardens.

Baptized - Infants, 2. Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	9
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Communicants —

Last reported, 70; admitted, 9; received, 6; total added, 15; died, 2; removed, 1; total lost, 3; present number, male, 16; female, 66; total, -	82
Marriages, 3; burials, -	9
Public services—Sundays, 30; week days, 40; total, -	70
Holy Communion—Public, 10. -	-
Congregation—Families, 55; adults, 120; children, 50; total, -	170
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 5; total, -	8
Pupils, male, 16; female, 38; total, -	54
Average attendance, -	35
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, -	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported), -	\$5 24
For the Sunday School, -	20 06
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance, -	915 00
The increase and improvement of Church property, -	243 00
By the Sunday School, for its own purposes, -	24 18
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Total for Parochial objects, -	\$1,207 48
Assessment of the Convention, -	\$46 77
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders, -	1 93
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Total for Diocesan objects, -	\$48 70
Domestic Missions, -	\$8 03
Foreign Missions, -	2 90
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	3 93
Missionary Boxes and cash, Woman's Auxilliary, -	60 00
Package for Hospital at Osaka, Little Gleaners, -	5 50
By the Sunday School, for S. Mary Magdalene's, Fayetteville, Tenn., -	8 16
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Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -	\$88 52
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Total of offerings, -	\$1,344 70

The sources of contributions above reported are the Offertory, \$117.98, pew rents, \$529.64; subscriptions, \$102.66; individual gifts, \$100.00; Women's Associations, \$314.76; sale of property, \$3.00; the Sunday School, \$32.34; other sources, \$144.92. total, \$1,344.70.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$10,000.00; Chapel, \$600.00; total, \$10,600.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$272.88; secured, \$1,000.00.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 375.

I entered upon my duties here on Ash Wednesday last, and the services reported above are from the period from that date to the present. The Chapel is being thoroughly repaired, and when completed will not only prove very useful, but will add much to the general appearance of the Church property.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 83.

S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co. (1838.)

The Rev. ROBERT ELLIS JONES, Rector. (1881.)

Henry Brees, Edwin H. VanDeusen, M. D., Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adult, 1; total, 8. Confirmed,	-	-	-	13
Communicants -	-	-	-	-
Last reported, 298; total lost, 38; present number, *	-	-	-	200
Marriages, 9; burials,	-	-	-	18
Public Services—Sundays, 90; week days, 29; total,	-	-	-	119
Holy Communion—Public, 18; private, 6,	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 150; individuals, total,	-	-	-	508
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	8
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 13; total,	-	-	-	16
Pupils, male, 52; female, 83; total,	-	-	-	135
Average attendance,	-	-	-	95

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aids at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$108 96	
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	2,472 07	
The increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	15,935 18	
Paid on indebtedness,	-	1,539 83	
By the Sunday School, for supplies,	-	276 52	
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	\$18,907 73
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$200 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	120 18	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	31 06	
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	11 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	\$362 24
General Missions,	-	\$10 00	
Domestic Missions,	-	27 23	
Foreign Missions,	-	27 20	
Home Missions for Colored people,	-	11 51	
Societies for Conversion of the Jews,	-	20 20	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	\$96 14
Total of offerings,	-	-	\$19,366 11

The sources of contributions mentioned are the Offertory, \$603.06; the envelope system, \$2,291.78; subscriptions, \$14,608.00; individual gifts, \$308.30; Women's Associations, \$714.00; sale of property, \$155.90; the Sunday School, \$43.00; other sources, \$356.63; total, \$19,081.36.

Value of Church Property—The Churches, \$30,000; Chapel and School House, \$1,000.00; Rectory, \$5,000.00; Parish House, \$2,500.00; total, \$38,500.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$3,400.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 450.

Fiscal report up to the end of fiscal year ending May 1st.

New Church now building. Worshipping at present in the old St. Luke's Church. A year of advance but also one of transition.

*Parish re-organized Easter, 1884, with union of S. John's and S. Luke's Parishes—impossible to make present report tally with that of last year.

Bishop's Address, pages 74, 78, 80, 81. See also page 97.

Kalkaska, Kalkaska County.

Unorganized Mission.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Confirmed, 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communicants—									
Last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Public Services—Sundays, 4; week day, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$6	75	
Expenses of Bishop's Visitation,	-	-	-	-	-	3	00	
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-			\$9 75

Bishop's Address, page 74.

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary.

F. B. Pierce, Wm. H. Phillips, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 4; total, 11.	Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants—								
Last reported, 27; admitted, 4; received, 10; total added, 14; removed, 1;								
present number, male, 5; female, 36; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 21; adults, 45; children, 28; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers, male 1; female, 6; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Pupils, male, 15; female, 43; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	\$141	75	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	481	50	
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	-	-	-	15	93	
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-			\$639 18

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$45.00; the envelope system, \$45.00; subscriptions, \$316.50; Women's Associations, \$172.00; the Sunday School, \$15.93; total, \$639.18.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$3,700; other property, \$200.00; total, \$3,900.00 Insured for three years.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$86.75.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 220.

The Church is kalsomined and the carpenter's work inside is finished. The painting inside will be finished this week. Seats come next, and then the carpet. At present our seats are temporary.

Bishop's Address, pages 74, 79.

S. Paul's Mission, Manistee, Manistee County. (1876.)

The Rev. W. S. HAYWARD, Missionary. (1881.)

William Vincent, Warden.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	20
Communicants—					
Last reported, 37; admitted, 2; received, 10; total added, 12; died, 3; removed, 11; dropped, 3; total lost, 17; present number, male, 6; female, 26; total,	-	-	-	-	32
Burials,	-	-	-	-	6
Public services—Sundays, 163; week days, 40; total,	-	-	-	-	203
Holy Communion—Public, 22; private, 4.	-	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 12; baptized adults who have attended during the year, 84; baptized children who have attended during the year, 93; total,	-	-	-	-	177
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	98
Sunday Schools (2)—Teachers, male 1; female, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	4
Pupils, male, 60; female, 66; total,	-	-	-	-	126
Average attendance, A. M., 24; P. M.,	-	-	-	-	27
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 64; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	320

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$16 23
For the Sunday School, Christmas Festivals,	-	26 30
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	219 88
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	353 75
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$616 16
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$19 45
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	4 00
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	1 92
Deaf-Mute Mission,	-	1 37
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$26 74
General Missions,	-	\$15 76
Domestic Missions,	-	9 53
Foreign Missions,	-	10 37
Home Missions for Colored People,	-	1 12
Indian Missions,	-	1 27
Nashotah Theological School,	-	2 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	5 77
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	-	3 00
American Church Building Fund,	-	2 46
U. S. A. Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	-	2 31
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	-	3 00
Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, N. Y.,	-	1 00
N. Y. Children's Aid Society,	-	1 00
Church Building at Martinsville, and Salem, Va.,	-	1 25
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	\$59 84
Total of Offerings,	-	\$702 74

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$275.48; subscriptions, \$312.50; individual gifts, \$78.89; the Sunday School, \$30.07; other sources, \$5.08; total, \$702.74.

Value of Church Property—The Church lot, \$450.00; funds on hand, \$169.27; other property, insured for \$250.00; total, \$869.27.

Indebtedness—On salary for first year, \$71.52.

Above includes services at Filer City and County Jail, both of which are held monthly, as also those in the First Ward "Upper Room," on the north side.

The offerings include those of the Missionary's family. The funds on hand include the North Side Building Fund, the Rent Fund (for paying for the hall in which we worship) and the Church Building Fund, towards which the following offerings are most gratefully acknowledged from outside since the Missionary has been at Manistee: Mrs. C. M. Wickham, \$1; Mille Daboll, Memphis, N. Y., \$5; Mrs. Hobart Williams, South Portsmouth, R. I., \$10; Emmanuel, Hastings, \$2.75; Reed City S. S., \$1; S. John's S. S., Sandy Hook, (Newtown) Conn., \$11.36; Henry Daboll, Memphis, N. Y., \$21; S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, \$10; Mrs. A. E. Reed, Onondaga Valley, N. Y., 28c.; Miss M. K. Sperry, Plattsburgh, N. Y., \$1; total, \$63.30. A lot has been bought and paid for the past year, and a Church or Chapel is very much needed.

Manistee County Mission, with Benzie and a Part of Wexford Counties.

The Rev. W. S. HAYWARD, Missionary.

Baptized—Infants, 14; adult, 1; total,	15
Communicants—	
Admitted, 1; received, 9; died, 1; present number, male, 2; female, 7; total,	9
Burial,	1
Public services—Sundays, 2; week days, 5; total,	7
Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 3,	
Congregation—Families, 32; baptized adults who have attended services, 37; baptized children who have attended services, 19; total,	56
Sunday School at Springdale—Teacher, female,	1
Pupils, total, about,	14
Number of volumes, Sunday School Library,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$17 45
Diocesan Missions	1 45
Total of Offerings,	\$18 90

The source of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$3.77; individual gifts, \$15.

Missionary Services have been held at Sherman, Frankfort, South Frankfort, Gilmore, Onekama, East Lake and Stronach.

Only the baptized membership is given above, as well as in the report of S. Paul's, Manistee, of those who have attended the services. There are many more scattered throughout this whole region. The Missionary visits them to the utmost of his power, and is grieved that he cannot do more. He has traveled over 12,000 miles since entering the charge, and made over 3,000 calls. A S. S. has been nobly carried on during the summer months by a church woman in Springdale in her own house, and is worthy of praise, and we hope many others will follow her example.

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County (1836)

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector. (1879.)

J. H. Montgomery, J. M. Parsons, Wardens.

Baptized - Infants, 14; adults, 5; total, 1.	Confirmed, -	-	10
Communicants -			
Last reported, 130; admitted, 8; died, 19; present number, male, 33; female, 113; total,	-	-	146
Marriages, 4; burials, -	-	-	10
Public Services - Sundays, 116; week days, 63; total,	-	-	179
Holy Communion - Public, 15.	-	-	-
Congregation - Families, 86; adults, 135; children, 67; total,	-	-	202
Catechising - Number of times,	-	-	12
Sunday School - Teachers, male, 3; female, 5; total,	-	-	8
Pupils, male, 26; female, 4; total,	-	-	66
Average attendance,	-	-	50
Number of volumes, N. S. Library,	-	-	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$27 81
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,642 13
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	1,457 50
By the Sunday School, for its maintenance,	-	22 79
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$3,150 23
Diocesan Missions, balance, 1883 pledge, \$15.33; on 1884 pledge, \$41.47,	-	121 90
Assessment of the Convention,	-	63 42
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	15 61
To Diocesan Missionary, through Woman's Auxillary,	-	12 41
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$213 34
General Missions,	-	\$45 06
Domestic Missions,	-	1 00
Home Missions to Colored People,	-	2 00
Indian Missions,	-	1 80
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	-	11 91
Tokio Hospital, through Woman's Auxillary,	-	6 84
Little Girls' Missionary Society box to Boydton, Va.,	-	6 50
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	4 37
The Bishop Gillespie Scholarship St. Margaret's School, Tokio, Japan,	-	12 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	\$92 17
Total of Offerings,	-	\$3,455 74

The sources of contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$278.64; pew rents, \$1,210.40; the envelope system, \$332.80; subscriptions, \$378.50; legacies, \$600.00; individual gifts, \$4.50; Women's Associations, \$25.75; income from investments, \$79.00; the Sunday School, \$39.36; other sources, \$106.79; total, \$3,455.74.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$12,000.00; Rectory, \$3,400.00; total, \$15,400.00.

Indebtedness -Floating, \$155.00.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 450; number of free sittings, five pews.

Bishop's Address, page 83. See also page 97.

S. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County. (1867.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

D. K. Vanness, Warden.

Communicants—

Last reported, 28; died, 1; removed, 6; total lost, 7; present number, male,	21
6; female, 15; total,	21
Burial,	1
Public services—Sundays, 29; week days, 2; total,	31
Holy Communion—Public,	6
Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 28; children, 11; total,	39
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	192

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$26 00
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The sources of contributions mentioned above are the Offertory, \$22.50; other sources, \$3.50; total, \$26.00.

Value of Church property—Total, \$850.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 175.

The Church building is owned by private individuals.

*The number of families in the last report should have been 12, not 21.

Bishop's Address, page 76.

S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. (1876.)

The Rev. JAMES A. McGLONE, Missionary. (1884.)

Wm. N. Brown, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 22; total, 32; Confirmed,	34
Communicants—	
Last reported, 27; Admitted, 34; received, 17; total added, 51; removed, 4;	
dropped 14; total lost, 18; present number, male, 20; female, 40; total,	60
Marriages, 2; burials,	4
Public Services—Sundays, 140; week day, 20; total,	160
Holy Communion—Public, 20; private, 3,	
Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 55; children, 29; total,	84
Catechising—Number of times,	50
Sunday School—Teachers, female,	6
Pupils, male, 15; female, 25; total,	40
Average attendance,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$5 30
For the Sunday School,	10 00
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	786 46
The increase and improvement of Church property,	150 00
By the Sunday School, for its maintenance,	15 00
Total for Parochial objects,	\$966 76

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	\$120 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - - - -	1 81
Total for Diocesan objects, - - - - -	\$121 81
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	\$0 58
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, - - - - -	50
Church Building Society, - - - - -	2 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	\$3 08
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$1,091 65

The sources of contributions mentioned above are subscriptions, \$700; individual gifts, \$100; Women's Associations, \$171.69; the Sunday School, \$15.00, other sources, \$104.46; total, \$1,091.15.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Bishop's Address, pages 76, 82. See also page 97.

S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

The Rev. J. N. RIPPY, M. D., Rector. (1884.)

J. B. Murphy, E. G. Role, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 15; adults, 3; total, 18. Confirmed, - - - - -	6
Communicants—	
Last reported, 141; admitted, 4; received, 4; total added, 8; removed, 27;	
present number, male, 20; female, 71; communing during the year, - - - - -	91
Present number confirmed members, - - - - -	134
Marriages, 2; burials, - - - - -	4
Public Services—Sundays, 59; week days, 75; total, - - - - -	134
Holy Communion—Public, 22. - - - - -	
Congregation—Families, 114; adults, estimated, 250; children, estimated, 200;	
total, - - - - -	450
Catechising—Frequently. - - - - -	
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 4; female, 11; total, - - - - -	15
Pupils, male, 47; female, 69; total, - - - - -	116
Average attendance, about, - - - - -	70
Number of volumes, Parish Library, - - - - -	22

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Charity, - - - - -	\$5 50
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - -	766 51
Paid on indebtedness, - - - - -	578 08
By the Sunday School, for its support, - - - - -	36 70
Total for Parochial objects, - - - - -	\$1,384 79
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	\$57 00
Assessment of the Convention (two years), - - - - -	156 92
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - - - -	6 17
Total for Diocesan objects, - - - - -	\$230 09

Domestic Missions,	\$12 04
Foreign Missions,	6 81
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	4 20
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	1 33
By the S. S. for Missions, included above,	\$12.76.

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, \$24 38

Total of Offerings, \$1,639 26

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$205.72; pew rents, \$353.20; the envelope system, \$174.30; subscriptions, \$295.00; the Sunday School, \$49.46; other sources, \$561.50; total, \$1,639.26.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,000; Chapel and School House, \$1,000; total, \$6,000.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$350.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 200.

Bishop's Address, pages 78; 82. See also page 97.

S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1876.)

The Rev. SPRUILL BURFORD, in temporary charge.

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

Baptized - Infants, 3; adult, 1; total,	4
Communicants—	
Last reported, 25; removed, 5; present number, male, 3; female, 17; total,	20
Burial,	1
Public services—Week days,	6
Holy Communion—Private,	1
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 35; children, 25; total,	60
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 4; total,	6
Pupils, male, 10; female, 26; total,	36
Average attendance, about,	30
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, about	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Current expenses,	\$20 00
Improvement of Church property,	158 29
Paid on indebtedness,	76 00
By the Sunday School, for S. S. papers,	24 18

Total for Parochial objects, \$261 29

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$15.13; building subscriptions, \$15.00; Women's Associations, \$150.16; income from house rent, \$72.00; the Sunday School, \$7.00; total, 261.29.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,800.00; Rectory and lot, \$600.00; total, \$2,400.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, about, \$30.00; secured, \$700.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

No services until since April, 1885.

Bishop's Address, page 75.

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

The Rev. COLIN C. TATE, Rector. (1879.)

Rufus W. Landon, J. Eastman Johnson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—						
Last reported, 277; received, 4; died, 4; removed, 20; dropped, 10; total						
lost, 34; present number, male, 60; female, 187; total,						247
Marriages, 13; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Public services—Sundays, 120; week days, 75; total,	-	-	-	-	-	195
Holy Communion—Public, 40.	-	-	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 125; adults, 150; children, 125; total,						475
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	30
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 8; total,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Pupils, male, 40; female, 50; total,	-	-	-	-	-	90
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	60
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$25 00
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,350 00
The increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	25 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	280 00
Interest on funded debt,	-	112 00
By the Sunday School, for books and papers,	-	15 00
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$1,787 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	\$16 40
Assessment of the Convention,	-	42 55
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	10 25
Woman's Auxilliary, box,	-	18 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	5 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	\$92 20
General Missions,	-	\$5 00
Domestic Missions,	-	5 20
Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, Tokio,	-	15 00
Woman's Auxilliary, box,	-	18 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	\$43 20
Total of offerings,	-	\$1,922 40

The sources of contributions mentioned above are the Offertory, \$472.25; pew rents, \$650.00; Individual Gifts, \$250.00; Women's Associations, \$356.00; the Sunday School, \$10.00; other sources, \$160.15; total, \$1,922.40.

Value of Church Property—The Church and organ, \$15,000.00; Rectory, \$1,300.00; other property, \$100.00; total, \$16,400.00.

The Church is not free; whole number of sittings, 450; number of free sittings, 250.

Bishop's Address, page 82. See also page 97.

S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, VanBuren County. (1851.)

In temporary charge of Rev. C. C. TATE, Niles.

Communicants—

Last reported, 17; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, male, 1; female, 12; total,	13
Public Services—Sundays,	6
Holy Communion—Public,	2
Congregation—Families,	10
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 3; total,	4
Pupils, male, 8; female, 12; total,	20
Average attendance,	16
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, a small and very poor one.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bishop's visitation,	\$1 50
Insurance,	10 00
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	10 00
Total for Parochial objects,	\$21 50
Diocesan Missions,	\$9 68
Domestic Missions,	\$1 54
Foreign Missions,	1 54
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	\$3 08
Total of offerings,	\$34 26

The sources of contributions above reported are the Offertory, \$14.26; Women's Associations, \$10.00; the Sunday School, \$10.00; total, \$34.26.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$2,500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 175.

The Bishop has visited the Parish once and the General Missionary twice. The Sunday School was reopened at Easter. Socials have been held. The outside of the Church needs painting.

Bishop's Address, page 79.

S. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1877.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1872.)

John W. Loomis, Warden.

Communicants—

Last reported, 18; received, 1; removed, 1; dropped, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 6; female, 11; total,	17
Public Services—Sundays,	32
Holy Communion—Public, 6,	
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 40; children, 12; total,	52
Catechising—Number of times,	9
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 4; total,	5
Pupils, male, 12; female, 24; total,	36
Average attendance,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$32 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	120 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	80 00
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	-	-	8 00
Total for Parochial objects,			\$240 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$5 00
Total of Offerings,			\$245 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$17.50; the envelope system, \$44.50; Women's Associations, \$172.00; the Sunday School, \$8.00; total, \$245.00.

Value of Church property—The Church and lot, \$1,200; other property, \$200.00; \$1,400.00,

Indebtedness—Secured, \$300.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

At a recent meeting of the members of this Mission it was decided that they better not have a Missionary any further until the mortgage on the Church should be cancelled, and every effort should be made to accomplish this object as soon as possible.

S John's Mission, Quincy, Branch County. (1882.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Missionary. (1876.)

Henry D. Pessell, Warden.

Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—					
Last reported, 17; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; present number, male, 2; female, 18; total,	-	-	-	-	20
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 24; week day, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	27
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	-	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families,	-	-	-	-	10
Sunday School—Teachers, male 1; female, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	4
Pupils, male, 5; female, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	17
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	13

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	83 08
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Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	\$108 08
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$26 26
Bishop's Trust Fund,	-	-	-	-	50
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Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	-	-	\$6 76
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Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$114 84

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$46.00; subscriptions, \$49.00; other sources \$19.84; total, \$114.84.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$800.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

Bishop's Address, page 80.

Reed City, Osceola County.

Unorganized Mission.

In temporary charge of the Rev. M. S. WOODRUFF, Big Rapids.

The Rev. J. H. Babcock visited this city and held a service. He reports 9 families, about 30 individuals, of whom 4 or 5 are communicants.

S. James' Mission, Rockford, Kent County. (1880.)

In temporary charge of Rev. J. R. TAYLOR, Saugatuck.

G. T. Saunders, Warden, *pro tem*.

Baptized—Infant,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—						
Last reported, 16; present number, male, 3; female, 13; total,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Public services—Sundays, 2; week days, 20; total,	-	-	-	-	-	22
Holy Communion—Public, 2,	-	-	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 32; children 11; total,	-	-	-	-	-	43
Sunday School—Teachers, male 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pupils, male, 14; female, 28; total,	-	-	-	-	-	42
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Number of volumes, Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	-	-	400

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$75 27
The increase and improvement of Church property.	-	-	62 00
By the Sunday School, for school expenses,	-	-	20 64
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	\$157 91
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$1 15
General Missions,	-	-	1 62
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$160 68

The sources of contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$19.03; individual gifts, \$62.00; sale of property, 60c.; other sources, \$58.41; total, \$160.68.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$1,765.00; other property, \$197.00; total, \$1,962.00.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Bishop's Address, pages 79, 81.

Trinity Chuproh, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

James H. Killmer, William Whitney, Wardens.

Baptized—Infant,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—						
Last reported, 20; present number, male, 2; female, 18; total,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Public services—Sundays, 4; week day, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	-	-	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 40; children, 20; total,	-	-	-	-	-	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bishop's expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 63
Diocesan Missions	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 23

Value of Church property—The Church, \$2,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Bishop's Address, page 79.

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS officiating.

Alfred B. Taylor, John Priest, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adult, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—						
Last reported, 23; received, 2; present number, male, 7; female, 18; total,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Burial,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 32; week days, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	-	42
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Congregation—Families, 31; adults, 42; children, 50; total,	-	-	-	-	-	92
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Pupils, male, 25; female, 35; total,	-	-	-	-	-	60
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	36
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	\$66 21
By the Sunday School, for papers, leaflets and books, etc.,	-	-	-	-	24 00
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	\$90 27
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$2 70
For S. James' Church, Albion,	-	-	-	-	2 00
By the Sunday School, for S. James' Church, Albion,	-	-	-	-	50
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	-	-	\$5 20
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$1 34
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	1 33
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	\$2 67
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$98 14

The sources of contributions mentioned above are the Women's Associations, \$40.87; the Sunday School, \$24.56.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Bishop's address, page 75.

Schoolcraft Mission, Kalamazoo County.

The Rev. ARTEMAS WETHERBEE, Missionary. (1882.)

Mrs. Sophie M. Smith, Sec.; Mrs. Mary Chapin, Treas.

Communicants—

Last reported, 10; removed, 3; present number, female,	-	-	7
Public services—Sundays,	-	-	5
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 5; adults, 12; children, 9; total,	-	-	21

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of maintenance,	-	-	\$5 00
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The sources of contributions mentioned above are the Offertory, \$2.50; other sources, \$2.50; total, \$5.00.

Other Services—Sundays, S. Barnabas' Chapel, Kalamazoo,	-	-	9
" Portage, Kalamazoo Co.,	-	-	1
" " " " burial,	-	-	1

Trinity Mission, South Haven, VanBuren County. (1882.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

No report is at hand from South Haven, and up to the resignation of the late General Missionary, no visitation of the place had been made by him.

Communicants—

Last reported,	-	-	6
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Stanton, Montcalm County.

Unorganized Mission.

In temporary charge of Rev. E. G. Nock, Ionia.

Communicants—

Last reported,	-	-	14
Public Services—Two services (Sunday) with the Holy Communion by the Bishop.	-	-	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$3 84
For the Bishop's expenses of visitation,	-	-	2 25
Total of offerings,	-	-	\$6 09

Bishop's Address, page 78.

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1868.)

In temporary charge of the Rev. W. W. TAYLOR, Battle Creek.

Communicants—

Last reported, 25; present number, male, 7; female, 18; total,	-	-	25
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	6
Holy Communion—Public, 3.	-	-	-
Sunday School—Teachers, female,	-	-	3
Pupils, male, 5; female, 10; total,	-	-	15
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Sunday School books,	-	-	\$10 00
Expenses of Parish maintenance, insurance,	-	-	30 00
The Bishop's expenses,	-	-	1 75
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	\$41 75
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$13 97
Domestic Missions,	-	-	\$93
Foreign Missions,	-	-	92
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	\$1 85
Total of offerings,	-	-	\$57 57

The sources of the contributions mentioned above are Church rent, \$123.00; subscriptions, \$21.00.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$4,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 400.

Balance in Treasury, \$99.00.

Bishop's Address, pages 77, 81.

Grace Church, Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co. (1873.)

The Rev. J. S. LARGE, Rector. (1879.)

C. E. Lockwood, E. L. Sprague, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adult, 1; total,	-	-	4
Communicants—			
Last reported, 45; Admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; removed, 7;			
present number, male, 5; female, 36; total,	-	-	41
Marriages, 7; burials,	-	-	2
Public services—Sundays, 100; week days, 25; total,	-	-	125
Holy Communion—Public, 12.	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 33; adults, 80; children, 50; total,	-	-	130
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	18
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 9; total,	-	-	10
Pupils, male, 20; female, 32; total,	-	-	52
Average attendance,	-	-	35
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 36; S. S. Library,	-	-	300

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid Rector, -	\$471 06
Sexton, -	60 00
Incidentals, -	13 54
Paid on rent of organ, -	10 50
Paid for new organ, by the Young Ladies' Society, -	86 00
Insurance, -	16 00
By the Sunday School, for its own support, etc., -	4 57
Total for Parochial objects, -	\$661 47
Diocesan Missions, -	\$7 28
Assessment of the Convention, -	23 80
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., -	3 25
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	12 72
Total for Diocesan objects, -	\$47 05
Domestic Missions, -	\$7 06
Foreign Missions, -	3 94
Home Missions for Colored People, by S. S., -	1 00
Indian Missions, by S. S., -	1 00
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, by S. S., -	1 00
By the Sunday School, for General Missions, -	4 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -	\$18 00
Total of Offerings, -	\$726 52

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$268.28; subscriptions, \$291.95; Women's Associations, \$85.00; the Sunday School, \$24.29; other sources, \$57.00; total, \$726.52.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Have officiated twice at funerals at Elk Rapids and once at a wedding at Grand Rapids.

S. John's Church, Tustin. Osceola County.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—

Last reported, - - - - - 6

There have been no services during the year.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$800.00;

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1865.)

The Rev. ARTEMAS WETHERBER, Rector. (1882.)

Hiram Crissy, Henry F. Ewers, M. D., Wardens,

Baptized—Infant, 1; adult, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, - - - 2

Communicants—

Last reported, 25; admitted, 2; received, 4; total added, 6; removed, 1;	
present number, male, 8; female, 22; total,	30
Burial,	1
Public Services—Sundays, 46; week days, 18; total,	64
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 45; children, 8; total,	53
Catechising—Number of times,	4
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 1; total,	2
Pupils, male, 3; female, 3; total,	6
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 20; S. S. Library,	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$4 26
Salaries and expenses of Parish maintenance,	205 83
Total for Parochial objects,	\$210 09
Diocesan Missions,	\$10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	7 81
Total for Diocesan objects,	\$17 81
Domestic Missions,	\$1 12
Nashotah Theological School,	2 19
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	\$3 31
Total of Offerings,	\$231 21

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$54.21; subscriptions, \$177.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 350.

The regular services have been suspended seven months, from June to February.

See report of Schoolcraft for other services.

Bishop's Address, page 80.

Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon Co. (1870.)

In temporary charge of Rev. J. N. RIPPY, Muskegon.

W. A. Murphey, John Wilkerson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infant,	1
Communicants—	
Last reported, 43; present number, male, 8; female, 35; total,	43
Public services—Sundays,	18
Holy Communion—Public,	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid H. D. Johnston for \$2,000 insurance on Church and contents, premium,	\$40 00
By the Sunday School, for papers,	3 30
Total for Parochial objects,	\$43 30

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	\$6 66
Assessment of the Convention, - - - - -	4 80
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Total for Diocesan objects, - - - - -	\$11 46
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Total of offerings, - - - - -	\$54 76

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

The Sunday School closed in September, having at the time one teacher and 34 scholars.

Reports.

OF CLERGYMEN HAVING NO PAROCHIAL CHARGE.

EXTRACT FROM THE DIGEST OF THE CANONS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION. TITLE I., CANON 17, SECTION 1.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional Services he may have performed: and if he have performed no such Services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

THE REV. DARIUS BARKER, THREE RIVERS. (1866.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

In my report I would say that I have not been able to perform acts of official duty, except on the Sunday in October, 1884, at the time of your visit at Three Rivers, when I assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Flowerfield, St. Joseph Co., May 30, 1885.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER. (1871.)

To the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

I have no work to report, not having performed any clerical duty the past year.

THE REV. V. SPALDING, THREE RIVERS. (1851.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The report of the Rev. V. Spalding, Presbyter, disabled for active service by deep impairment of sight and hearing, is

That he has done no ministerial duty during the past year; except to assist the Bishop and the Itinerant Missionary two or three times (memoriter) in public services at Three Rivers, where he has resided up to about the first of May in a sort of hermit state, striving to improve the rare opportunity given him by Divine Providence, to "make his calling and election sure".

All which is respectfully submitted by your humble and obedient servant,

V. SPALDING.

THE REV. EUGENE J. BABCOCK.

LATE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The following is a report of my regular and occasional services while General Missionary, from the last Convention until February 1st, 1885. The pleasure of

this particular work will never be forgotten. However imperfect and capable of improvement, I trust the beginning of the General Missionary plan will not be lost to the Diocese.

NAME OF PLACE.	Sunday Services.	Week Day Services.	Holy Communion.	Offerings.	Baptisms.	S. S. Addressed and Supt'd.
Baldwin.....	2	1	.....	\$1 57	.....	.....
Benton Harbor.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Charlevoix.....	2	1	.....	6 46	2	.....
Eaton Rapids.....	2	.....	.....	1 57	.....	.....
Elk Rapids.....	6	.....	3	17 23	.....	3
Grand Haven.....	2	.....	.....	4 99	.....	.....
Greenville.....	4	1	1	8 34	2	2
Howard City.....	4	.....	1	4 13	.....	.....
Ionla.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Kalkaska.....	2	1	.....	6 75	.....	.....
Manistee.....	3	.....	.....	5 02	.....	2
Muskegon.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newaygo.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paw Paw.....	4	.....	1	9 68	.....	2
Petoskey.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quincy.....	2	.....	1	3 62	.....	1
Rockford.....	6	7	2	1 15	.....	1
Saranac.....	4	.....	2	3 60	1	.....
Three Rivers.....	2	.....	1	3 67	.....	.....
Union City.....	4	.....	1	9 24	.....	.....
Whitehall.....	2	.....	1	6 66	1	.....
Total.....	54	13	15	\$93 68	7	11

OTHER SERVICES.

Kalamazoo—Ordination, assisted in service; Frankfort—Looked after the Church people; Coopersville—Burial: Geneva, N. Y.—Assisted 5 times, preached once; Canandaigua, N. Y.—Officiated 1 Sunday; Ionla—Burial: Grand Rapids—S. Paul's, Assisted twice; Good Shepherd, Officiated once; Coldwater—Assisted and preached once.

THE REV. A. W. MANN.

Minister in charge of Deaf-Mute Congregations.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

During the Conventional year just closed I held services on Sundays and week days at S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids; and on week days only, at Emmanuel Church, Hastings; S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo; Trinity Church, Marshall; and Trinity Church, Niles. Several of the services were combined, the rectors reading and I interpreting for the deaf-mutes in the congregation.

Most of the deaf-mutes attending were from a distance. Those at the service in Niles were from Dowagiac, Three Oaks, Buchanan, and St. Joseph. One from Muskegon attended the service at Hastings. Deaf-mutes live widely apart, and are more difficult to reach than other people with the Church's ministrations. No class of people in Christian countries are more isolated in this respect. The blind, worse afflicted, as almost every one believes, are not isolated at all, for they can

MISSIONARY BOXES—CONTINUED.

PARISHES.	No.	Value.
Niles, Trinity, to Diocesan Missionary	1	\$18 00
Rose Bud Agency, Dakota	1	18 00
Marshall, Trinity, sent by a little girl, patch work crib quilt, to Diocesan Missionary's baby	1	00
Marshall, Trinity, Little Girl's Missionary So. Domestic, Boydtown, Va.	1	2 00
Church Aid and Missionary So., Diocesan Missionary.	1	6 50
Muskegon, S. Paul's, Girl's Missionary So. to Wolfe Hall, Denver, Col.	1	1 41
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, sent to Diocesan Missionary, value not given.	1	20 00
Willing Hands Society, Diocesan Missionaries.	2	35 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's, Individual Gifts to Diocesan Missionary	1	5 50
Emmanuel, Hastings, Christmas Gifts to Cheyenne River Agency, Da.	1	9 14
Mrs. Bancroft's Sewing Class, Colored School, Gordonsville, Va.	2	19 37
Total	24	\$406 78

CASH DISBURSED.

Greenville, S. Paul's, for Teachership Colored School, Pittsboro, N. C.	\$2 05
" " General Missions, result of Miss Carter's visit.	4 21
" " Hospital Fund, Tokio, Japan	2 00
" " Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, Tokio	50
" " Sent to Diocesan Missionary	20 00
Jonah, S. John's, for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, St. Margaret's, Tokio.	5 00
Big Rapids, S. Anerew's, S. S. Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, St. Margaret's ..	4 50
" " Hospital Fund, Tokio.	8 55
" " S. S., Teachership, Pittsboro, N. C.	2 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, Industrial Band Epiphany Offering, Domestic Missions ..	15 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, Industrial Band Epiphany Offerings, Tokio Hospital Fund ..	5 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, Industrial Band Easter Offering, Bishop's Purse.	30 00
" " a lady, for Diocesan Missionary	6 00
" " Bessie Herkner's Lenten Savings, Wolf Hall, Denver, Colorado	25 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas's, Hospital Fund, Tokio	2 50
" " S. S., Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, St. Margaret's, Tokio	10 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd S. S., Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, St. Margaret's, Tokio ..	5 20
Niles, Trinity, Mrs. Joslyn's S. S. Class	5 00
" " for General Missions, result of Miss Carter's visit.	15 00
Marshall, Trinity, Woman's Aid and Missionary Society, Easter Offerings, Tokio Hospital Fund ..	5 00
Marshall, Trinity, S. S., Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, St. Margaret's, Tokio ..	6 84
Hastings, Emmanuel, General Missions, result of Miss Carter's visit	12 00
" " S. S., Christmas Offering, Bishop Gillespie Scholarship.	1 70
Hastings, Emmanuel S. S., Tokio Hospital Fund	2 91
" " House of Rest, Charleston, S. C.	80
" " a lady, for Diocesan Missionary	25
Total Cash	\$193 05
Total Cash and boxes	\$508 83

RECEIVED.

From Diocesan Board of Missions	10 00
Offerings at Annual Meeting at Big Rapids	8 25
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, a lady	1 00

JULIA M. HADLEY,
Secretary.

PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			COMMUNICANTS.							SUNDAY SCHOOL.							
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Confirmed.	Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added.	Died.	Removed.	Dropped, etc.	Total Lost.	Present No.			Total Individuals.		
													Male.	Female.	Total.			
																	MARRIAGES.	
Pupils.		Teachers.		Total.		Boys.		Girls.		Total.								
Male.		Female.		Total.		Boys.		Girls.		Total.								
Albion, S. James'	10	5	15	6	55	9	8	16	3	2	..	5	12	47	59	1	25	120
Allegheny, Good Shepherd	11	5	16	3	71	1	8	8	2	14	47	63	24	54	78	1	25	120
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	5	1	6	2	202	1	11	8	2	11	13	63	26	121	147	7	128	386
Battle Creek, S. Andrew's	5	2	7	2	71	9	11	20	1	5	13	12	33	106	67	4	75	300
Big Rapids, S. Mark's	12	3	15	6	125	9	11	20	1	2	6	13	33	139	4	16	84	295
Coldwater, S. Mark's	3	2	5	6	37	6	1	7	1	2	1	2	9	33	68	1	32	91
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	8	8	16	8	55	26	1	26	1	9	13	17	11	61	121	4	40	91
Grand Haven, S. John's	8	8	16	8	67	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	9	33	68	1	32	91
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	49	23	72	61	622	61	94	155	15	12	40	67	225	485	710	32	28	305,200
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	3	3	6	2	87	2	2	4	2	5	16	21	13	55	68	2	52	170
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	11	1	12	9	118	8	17	25	6	1	1	1	16	79	95	3	100	330
Grand Rapids, Grace	5	1	6	1	90	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	16	79	95	3	100	330
Hastings, Emmanuel	1	1	2	1	25	25	1	26	1	1	1	1	3	21	24	1	15	45
Holland, Grace	1	1	2	1	16	9	6	15	2	1	3	16	68	82	3	18	150	508
Homer, Christ's	2	1	3	9	70	9	10	19	2	1	3	38	260	340	40	9	155	508
Ionia, S. John's	2	1	3	13	298	4	10	14	1	1	1	38	260	340	40	9	155	508
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	14	5	19	0	128	8	8	16	1	1	1	1	33	146	4	10	86	202
Ludington, Grace	17	10	27	6	141	4	4	18	4	20	10	27	60	187	222	4	114	450
Marshall, Trinity	15	3	18	6	141	4	4	18	4	20	10	27	60	187	222	4	114	450
Muskegon, S. Paul's	10	10	20	6	277	17	4	23	1	3	4	4	12	18	24	13	110	465
Niles, Trinity	1	1	2	1	17	17	1	18	1	1	1	1	2	12	13	10	60	120
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	1	1	2	1	20	23	2	25	2	2	2	2	7	18	25	1	31	92
Saranac, Trinity	3	1	4	2	25	25	2	27	2	2	2	7	18	25	31	1	31	92
Saugatuck, All Saints'	3	1	4															

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS - NUMERICAL STATISTICS. (Continued.)

MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's.....	1	1	9	1	2	2	5	7	7	4	5	42	2	4	14	10	24								
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity	3	1	18	1	1	1	2	5	12	17	22	70	2	2	4	14	10								
Calhoun	1	4	12	1	1	2	5	10	12	12	4	22	1	1	1	1	1								
Charlotte	2	1	12	1	1	2	5	10	12	12	4	22	1	1	1	1	1								
Charlevoix, Grace	1	2	12	1	1	2	5	10	12	12	4	22	1	1	1	1	1								
Coopersville, Epiphany	1	1	12	1	1	2	5	10	12	12	4	22	1	1	1	1	1								
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias	3	3	32	8	2	1	5	10	15	32	12	27	1	6	7	15	20								
Evart	2	1	32	8	2	1	5	10	15	32	12	27	1	6	7	15	20								
Greenville, S. Paul's	1	3	11	1	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	25	1	1	1	1	1								
Harbor Springs, S. John's	1	1	17	1	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	25	1	1	1	1	1								
Howard City, Calvary	1	1	17	1	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	25	1	1	1	1	1								
Kalkaska	20	20	37	2	11	3	17	6	28	32	6	12	177	1	3	4	66								
Manistee, S. Paul's	14	15	28	1	6	1	7	0	15	9	1	32	56	1	1	1	128								
Manistee, Immaculate	1	1	28	1	6	1	7	0	15	9	1	32	56	1	1	1	14								
Mendon, S. Paul's	10	22	27	34	17	51	18	20	40	60	2	4	30	84	6	6	25								
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	3	1	25	1	5	5	5	3	17	20	1	13	60	2	4	8	40								
Newaygo, S. Mark's	1	1	18	1	1	1	2	6	11	17	1	13	62	1	4	5	28								
Proutville, S. James	1	1	17	1	1	1	2	6	11	17	1	13	62	1	4	5	28								
Quincy, S. John's	1	1	17	1	1	1	2	6	11	17	1	13	62	1	4	5	28								
Reed City	3	3	16	3	3	3	3	13	16	20	1	9	30	1	5	6	12								
Rockford, S. James	1	1	16	3	3	3	3	13	16	20	1	9	30	1	5	6	12								
Schoolcraft	1	1	10	7	3	3	3	7	7	7	14	43	1	5	6	14	28								
South Haven, Trinity	1	1	10	6	3	3	3	7	7	7	14	43	1	5	6	14	28								
Stanton	1	1	10	6	3	3	3	7	7	7	14	43	1	5	6	14	28								
Tustin, S. John's	1	1	10	6	3	3	3	7	7	7	14	43	1	5	6	14	28								
Total.....	*247	83	330	96	3,074	199	217	416	40	157	133	330	652	2,034	3,136	96	168	1,790	5,949	66	192	269	942	1,332	2,342

*Includes one at Old Mission; see Bishop's Address, page 76.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.					WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.						TOTALS.		TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.	
	PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN.				Domestic and General Missions.	Foreign and Gen-eral Missions.	Home Missions to Col'd People.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Total outside of the Diocese.	Total from Asso-ciations of Wo-men.	Total from Sun-day Schools.		
		Dioce-san Mis-sions.	Dioce-san As-sessment.	Aged and In-firm Clergy.	Other Ob-jects.										Total for Di-oce-san Ob-jects.
Albion, S. James'.....	\$226 96	\$37 08	\$1 77	\$20 50	\$88 85	\$1 54	\$1 54	.....	.....	\$25 65	\$3 06	\$193 15	\$49 75	\$693 89
Alleghen, Good Shepherd.....	1,252 50	38 48	5 45	20 50	89 43	15 50	15 50	19 31	.....	8 00	42 81	40 50	60 96	1,362 48
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.....	1,705 87	96 50	14 00	25 00	202 50	11 00	11 00	11 00	.....	20 64	33 60	257 19	56 00	1,951 18
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	2,203 37	30 00	23 67	4 00	20 50	75 17	11 00	11 00	.....	8 00	16 00	205 50	83 63	2,324 18
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	1,457 12	75 00	146 96	7 53	5 50	254 99	5 75	5 75	.....	\$3 06	\$12 00	39 00	39 00	1,732 80
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	1,796 01	25 23	.....	.....	25 23	.....	2 70	2 70	.....	8 00	16 00	30 00	106 25	1,839 24
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	1,050 25	15 00	50 10	160 27	1,083 37	154 00	122 00	122 00	.....	14 50	19 90	750 10	368 28	1,689 15
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	14,250 67	655 00	10 00	.....	13 80	50 50	50 50	50 50	.....	14 50	19 90	382 32	53 82	15,906 67
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	537 67	3 80	10 00	.....	241 32	23 41	24 40	13 94	.....	48 19	119 08	210 21	24 96	551 47
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	2,872 54	60 00	181 32	8 45	31 54	23 41	24 40	13 94	.....	48 19	119 08	210 21	24 96	3,114 86
Grand Rapids, Emmanuel.....	958 57	95 00	41 76	2 00	2 00	1 96	1 96	1 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,224 40
Holland, Grace.....	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 83
Homer, Christ's.....	165 65	46 77	.....	.....	46 77	8 03	2 90	2 90	.....	77 59	88 02	314 76	32 34	165 65
Ironia, S. John's.....	1,207 48	150 18	31 06	11 00	362 24	32 23	32 20	32 20	.....	77 59	88 02	314 76	32 34	1,344 70
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	18,907 73	200 00	.....	.....	382 24	32 23	32 20	32 20	.....	77 59	88 02	314 76	32 34	19,386 11
Ludington, Grace.....	639 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	639 18
Marshall, Trinity.....	3,150 23	63 42	16 61	12 41	213 34	26 00	26 03	6 50	.....	30 75	92 17	25 75	39 36	3,455 74
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	1,384 79	67 00	156 92	6 17	230 00	12 04	6 81	6 81	.....	5 53	24 58	350 00	40 40	1,639 26
Niles, Trinity.....	1,787 00	21 40	42 55	18 00	92 20	7 70	2 50	2 50	.....	33 00	43 20	10 00	10 00	1,822 40
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	21 50	9 68	.....	.....	9 68	1 54	1 54	1 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 28
Saranac, Trinity.....	1 63	3 60	.....	.....	3 60	1 34	1 34	1 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 23
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	90 27	2 70	.....	2 50	3 50	1 34	1 34	1 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 14
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	41 75	13 97	.....	.....	13 97	1 92	1 92	1 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 57
Traverse City, Grace.....	681 47	23 81	3 25	.....	47 05	9 66	5 34	5 34	.....	1 00	18 00	86 00	24 23	728 52
Union City, Grace.....	210 09	20 00	17 81	1 12	1 12	1 12	2 19	3 31	231 21	
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	43 30	6 66	4 80	11 46	54 76	

MISSIONS.

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Statistics

OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 2, A. D. 1886.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—

Canonically resident, the Bishop, 25 Presbyters, 1 Deacon,	27
Of these having no cure, 4.	
Postulant,	1

CHURCH PROPERTY—

Whole number of Churches and Chapels,	37
Of which "free Churches",	31
Whole number of sittings,	9,550
Of which, free sittings,	8,860
Total valuation of Churches and Chapels,	\$257,770
Number of Rectories, 11; valuation of same,	31,000
Other property reported,	43,896
Total	\$332,666
Indebtedness on Church property in 13 Parishes and 7 Missions; secured, \$14,571; floating, \$6,454; total,	\$21,025

ORGANIZED MISSIONS—

Number of, (List on page 12)	15
Having Church edifices,	9

PARISHES—

Number of, in union with the Convention,	26
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SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—

Families reported, (14 Parishes and Missions, not reporting)	790
Number of Individuals, (16 Parishes and Missions not reporting)	6,949

BAPTISMS—

Infants, 247; adults, 83; total,	330
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CONFIRMED—

In 15 Parishes and 4 Missions,	195
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COMMUNICANTS—

Last reported in 51 places now reporting,	3,074
Present number in 51 places now reporting,	3,136

TEACHERS—

In 34 Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	-	-	269
Of which, male 66; female, 192.	-	-	-	-	-	

SCHOLARS—

In the same,	-	-	-	-	-	2,342
Of which boys, 942; girls, 1332; not specified, 68.	-	-	-	-	-	

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES—**

Communion Alms (not otherwise reported),	-	-	-	-	\$684 19
For Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	-	1,175 20
For salaries and current expenses,	-	-	-	-	30,668 74
For increase of Church property,	-	-	-	-	22,622 61
For reduction of debt,	-	-	-	-	4,066 07
For other objects,	-	-	-	-	736 16
Total Parochial,	-	-	-	-	\$59,932 97

FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$2,065 84
For Diocesan assessments,	-	-	-	-	1,292 02
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	-	-	-	-	167 20
Aid of Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	-	-	17 85
Cash and boxes to Missionaries by Woman's Auxiliary,	-	-	-	-	229 38
Deaf-Mute Mission,	-	-	-	-	50 07
Other objects,	-	-	-	-	103 11
Total, Diocesan	-	-	-	-	*\$3,925 42

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—

For Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$347 58
For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	304 83
For Home Missions to Colored People,	-	-	-	-	59 65
For Indian Missions,	-	-	-	-	137 70
Church Mission to the Jews,	-	-	-	-	73 87
Bible and Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	-	59 35
Nashotah Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	4 19
Church Building Fund Commission,	-	-	-	-	29 55
General Clergy Relief Fund,	-	-	-	-	12 31
Society for Increase of Ministry,	-	-	-	-	6 24
Other objects, mostly specials for Domestic and Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	325 00
Total, extra-Diocesan,	-	-	-	-	\$1,360 76

Total from all Sources, for all purposes,	-	-	-	-	†\$65,919 15
Of which, by Women's Associations,	-	-	-	-	\$4,143 13
Of which, by Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	-	1,261 87

*This total is according to Treasurer's Reports, where reported amounts vary.

†Includes special on page 97.

Assessment

FOR 1885-86.

On Parishes in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

[RATE, FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENTUM.]

Prepared by the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, with the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, according to Canon XVI., Section 1.

PARISHES.	Base of Ass'm't.	Assessment.
Albion, S. James'.....	\$622	\$28 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	850	38 25
Battle Creek, S. Thomas' :	1,617	72 75
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	1,068	49 40
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	1,318	59 30
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	*350	15 75
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	634	28 50
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	6,922	311 50
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	484	21 80
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	1,432	64 45
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	836	37 60
Holland, Grace.....	†31	1 40
Homer, Christ's.....	166	7 45
Ionia, S. John's.....	915	41 20
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	2,472	111 25
Ludington, Grace.....	142	6 40
Marshall, Trinity.....	1,642	73 90
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	*1,150	51 75
Niles, Trinity.....	1,350	60 75
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	12	50
Saranac, Trinity.....	2	10
Saugatuck, All Saints'.....	66	2 95
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	†32	1 45
Traverse City, Grace.....	561	25 25
Union City, Grace.....	206	9 25
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	40	1 80
Total	\$24,950	\$1,122 70

*Canon XVI. Section 4.

†Last year's report.

TIMES FOR COLLECTIONS.

APPOINTED AND RECOMMENDED.

Diocesan Missions—See Canon XIX., Sec. 1.

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—Canon XIV.

Domestic Missions, in Advent; *Foreign*, in Epiphany tide; *to Colored People*, in Lent; *to Indians*, in Trinity Season; *to Missions among Jews*, Good Friday; *Bible and Common Prayer Book Society*, Whitsun Day.

Society for Increase of the Ministry—Trinity Sunday or a Sunday soon after.

The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes—The 12th Sunday after Trinity. (Remit for this object to Mr. D. G. Robinson, Hastings.)

The American Church Building Fund Commission—The 14th Sunday after Trinity.

The Twelfth Annual Convention

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan will be held in
S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, commencing on Tuesday,
May, 25th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 P. M.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,

Secretary.

A FORM OF BEQUEST

TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, a Body Corporate under the Laws of the State of Michigan and empowered to receive and hold any property, real or personal, for the use and benefit of said Diocese.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum ofdollars for

- (a.) The uses and purposes of said Association: or,
- (b.) For the uses of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy: or,
- (c.) For the use of the Episcopal Fund of said Diocese: or,
- (d.) For the Missions of the Diocese: or,
- (e.) For the Rectory Building Fund, or for any other specific use of the Diocese: or,
- (f.) For.....Parish of, the annual proceeds thereof to be devoted to

the support of the Rector; or to the repairs of the Church; or to any other Parochial object specified.

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Digest of the Canons.

TITLE I.—CANON 14.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§1. [1.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens, [or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens,] do certify to the Right Rev. [naming the Bishop,] or to the Rev. [naming the President of the Standing Committee], that [naming the person] has been duly chosen Rector, [or Assistant Minister, as the case may be], of [naming the Parish or Church].

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The date of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§11. No minister removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following:

I do hereby certify that the Rev. A— B— has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON 12.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§1. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CANON X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Church becomes vacant it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect, and on the election of a Minister they shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, notice of the same.

SEC. 3. The Bishop may appoint Clergymen in the Diocese or others who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

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Changes in the Diocese Since the Convention.

The Rev. E. G. Nock has resigned S. John's Church, Ionia, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., has become Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Henry Hughes has become Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

The Rev. W. W. Taylor has resigned S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. V. Spalding has departed this life.

The Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh has resigned Grace Church, Grand Rapids, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. W. S. Hayward has resigned S. Paul's Mission, Manistee, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. F. A. DeRosset has resigned the Assistant Rectorship of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. J. E. Walton has resigned Trinity Church, Marshall.

The Rev. G. W. West has become Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf has accepted the Rectorship of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

Diocese of Western Michigan,

A. D. 1886.

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A List of the Clergy

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN,

MAY 25, A. D. 1886.

Those marked * were not entitled to seats in the Convention.—*Constitution, Art. VI.* Those in *Italics* were not present.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Bancroft, Joseph W., General Missionary, Hastings.

Barker, Darius. P. O., Paw Paw.

Brown, Belno A., officiating in S. James' Church, Albion; Christ Church, Homer. P. O., Albion.

Chapin, Densmore D., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Coolbaugh, Frank C., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

*DeRosset, Frederick A., Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Eastman, G. C. V., D. D., Missionary, Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.

Hayward, William S., Missionary, S. Paul's Mission, Manistee.

*Henry, Frank W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

*Huson, Charles R. P. O., Coldwater.

Jones, Robert Ellis, Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

*Knapp, Theo. J., D. D., Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.

Large, Joseph S., Rector of Grace Church, Traverse City.

McGlone, James A., Missionary, S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant.

Morris, Moseley, Officiating in All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.
Morrall, William, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.
Nock, Edwin G., Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia.
Prichard, Joseph B., Missionary at Ludington.
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Tate, Colin C., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.
Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids.
Taylor, William Wordsworth, Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.
Walton, J. Evarts, Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.
***Wetherbee, Artemas**, Kalamazoo.
***Woodford, Sidney H.**, officiating in Chapel of Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.
Woodruff, Montgomery S., Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Mann, A. W., General Missionary to Deaf-Mutes. P. O., Cleveland, Ohio.

SUMMARY.

Number canonically resident: the Bishop; Presbyters, 27.....	28
Number entitled to seats in the Convention	22
Of whom were present	18
Number not entitled to seats in the Convention.....	6
Of whom were present	4

POSTULANT.

Earnest Willoughby Jewell, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

A List of the Clergy.

IN ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE DATES OF
THEIR ORDINATION OR TRANSFER.

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|---|---|
| 1865.
Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft.
O. Sept. 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, at Hastings. | 1854.
Rev. Robert Ellis Jones.
May 20. From the Diocese of
Massachusetts.
O. June 24, to the Priesthood,
at Kalamazoo. |
| 1866.
Rev. Darius Barker.
1869.
Rev. Joseph B. Prichard.
1870. | Rev. John N. Rippey.
Nov. 30. From the Diocese of
Southern Ohio. |
| Rev. Moseley Morris.
Dec. 15. From the Diocese of
Wisconsin. | Rev. William W. Taylor.
Dec. 21. From the Diocese of
Pennsylvania. |
| 1871.
Rev. Charles R. Huson.
1873. | 1885.
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.
Feb. 17. From the Diocese of
Quincy. |
| Rev. V. Spalding.
1873. | Rev. J. Rice Taylor.
Feb. 20. From the Diocese of
Vermont. |
| Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.
Cons. Feb. 24, at Grand Rapids. | Rev. Edwin G. Nock.
March 9. From the Diocese of
Michigan. |
| Rev. Joseph S. Large.
May 30. From the Diocese of
Indiana. | Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff.
April 19. From the Diocese of
Missouri. |
| 1879.
Rev. Collin C. Tate.
Dec. 11. From the Diocese of In-
diana. | Rev. James A. McGlone.
May 5. From the Diocese of
Wisconsin. |
| 1880.
Rev. J. Everts Walton
Jan. 29. From the Diocese of
Connecticut. | Rev. William Morrill.
June 22. From the Diocese of
Pittsburgh. |
| Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh.
Dec. 23. From the Diocese of
Illinois. | Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.
Nov. 30. From the Jurisdiction
of North Dakota. |
| 1881.
Rev. Artemas Wetherbee.
March 4. From the Diocese of
Nebraska. | 1886.
Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.
Jan. 14. From the Jurisdiction
of Colorado. |
| Rev. Densmore D. Chapin.
Nov. 22. From the Diocese of
Minnesota. | Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset.
Feb. 19. From the Diocese of
New York. |
| 1882.
Rev. William S. Hayward.
Jan. 19. From the Diocese of
Central New York. | Rev. Frank W. Henry.
March 17. From the Diocese of
Nebraska. |
| 1883.
Rev. Belno A. Brown.
Dec. 1. From the Diocese of
Massachusetts. | |

The Convocations.

THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION.	COUNTIES.	POPULATION.
Allegan	38,724	Cass	21,268
Barry	24,217	Eaton	31,929
Berrien	37,814	Kalamazoo	34,447
Branch	27,678	St. Joseph	26,299
Calhoun	41,528	Van Buren	30,446

Total, 315,348. Increase of population since 1880, 4,029.

THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION.	COUNTIES.	POPULATION.
Antrim	8,790	Manistee	19,859
Benzie	4,394	Manitou	873
Charlevoix	9,308	Mason	13,431
Clare	5,406	Mecosta	20,632
Emmet	7,945	Missaukee	3,338
Grand Traverse	12,111	Montcalm	35,423
Ionia	32,652	Muskegon	37,681
Isabella	16,077	Newaygo	19,055
Kalkaska	4,499	Oceana	14,557
Kent	84,765	Osceola	13,989
Lake	7,574	Ottawa	36,308
Leelanaw	7,180	Wexford	10,538

Total, 426,525. Increase of population since 1880, 85,489.

Total inhabitants of the Diocese, 741,873. Gain in four years, 89,516. Total number of square miles in the Diocese, 18,449.

PARISH LIST OF THE KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

CITY OR VILLAGE.	POPULATION	PARISH.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Albion	Village 3,171	S. James' Church	1840
Allegan	"	*Good Shepherd Church	1860
Battle Creek	City 10,021	*S. Thomas' Church	1843
Coldwater	"	*S. Mark's Church	1848
Hastings	"	Emmanuel Church	1864
Homer	Village 1,044	Christ's Church	1841

Kalamazoo.....City.....	13,938	.....*†S. Luke's Church.....	1836
Marshall.....".....	4,081	.....*Trinity Church.....	1836
Niles.....".....	4,806	.....*Trinity Church.....	1834
Paw Paw.....Village.....	1,430	.....S. Mark's Church.....	1851
Saugatuck.....".....	753	.....All Saints' Church.....	1869
Three Rivers.....".....	3,363	.....Trinity Church.....	1864
Union City.....".....	1,362	.....Grace Church.....	1865

MISSIONS IN THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

Benton Harbor.....".....	1,388	.....Holy Trinity Mission.....	1882
Charlotte.....City.....	3,598	.....Grace Mission.....	1877
Eaton Rapids.....".....	2,311	.....S. Matthias' Mission.....	1876
Quincy.....Village.....	1,252	.....S. John's Mission.....	1882
Mendon.....".....	800		

Missions extinct: Trinity, Plainwell; Trinity, South Haven.

PARISH LIST OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

Big Rapids.....City.....	5,917	.....*S. Andrew's Church.....	1873
Elk Rapids.....Village.....		.....S. Paul's Church.....	1871
Grand Haven.....City.....	5,911	.....*S. John's Church.....	1866
Grand Rapids.....".....	41,934	.....*†S. Mark's Church.....	1836
".....".....		.....S. John's Church.....	1872
".....".....		.....*Grace Church.....	1875
".....".....		.....Trinity Church.....	1886
Holland.....".....	2,972	.....Grace Church.....	1868
Ionia.....".....	4,643	.....†S. John's Church.....	1841
Ludington.....".....	5,433	.....Grace Church.....	1873
Muskegon.....".....	17,845	.....†S. Paul's Church.....	1867
Saranac.....Village.....	906	.....Trinity Church.....	1860
Traverse City.....".....	3,154	.....Grace Church.....	1877
Whitehall.....".....	2,343	.....Redeemer Church.....	1870

MISSIONS IN THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Baldwin.....Village.....		.....*S. Matthew's Mission.....	1879
Coopersville.....".....	847	.....Epiphany Mission.....	1877
Evart.....".....	1,322	.....S. Paul's Mission.....	1876
Greenville.....City.....	2,084	.....S. Paul's Mission.....	1881
Harbor Springs.....Village.....	876	.....S. John's Mission.....	1883
Howard City.....".....	1,130	.....Calvary Mission.....	1879
Manistee.....City.....	10,373	.....S. Paul's Mission.....	1876
Mt. Pleasant.....Village.....	1,944	.....S. John's Mission.....	1886
Newaygo.....".....	1,719	.....*S. Mark's Mission.....	1876
Pentwater.....".....	1,471	.....S. James' Mission.....	1877
Rockford.....".....	815	.....S. James' Mission.....	1880
Tustin.....".....		.....S. John's Mission.....	

Missions extinct: Trinity, Farwell; Grace, Hersey.

Places where occasional services are held: Advance, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Kalkaska, Luther, Manton, Reed City, Stanton.

*Has a Rectory. †Has both Church and Chapel.

Journal.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO,
TUESDAY, MAY 25, A. D. 1886,
7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan and Lay Delegates-elect to the Twelfth Annual Convention assembled as above in the Chapel and came to order at the call of the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

After silent prayer, the Secretary read the first section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution and Canon II. Sections 1 and 2, and the Bishop presented the Canonical List of the Clergy. (Canon I.) The names of Clergymen entitled to seats under the Constitution Art. VI., were called and nine of the same were found present, also two of those not entitled to seats.

The lists of Parishes and Missions were called and the credentials of Lay Delegates received. The Chair appointed as the Committee on the Lay credentials, the Rev. Mr. Tate and the Rev. Mr. Bancroft.

The Committee made report in part, and the same was received and the names called.

The Clergy robed and entered the Church, the Processional hymn being, "The Son of God goes forth to War."

After silent prayer, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, pronounced

"In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen: I declare the Twelfth Annual Convention duly organized."

Evening Prayer was said by the Reverend Messrs. William Morrall, Sidney H. Woodford, Frank W. Henry and the Rev. Theo. J. Knapp, D. D.

The Bishop delivered his Annual Address.

The Committee on Lay credentials reported further. The Rolls of the Clergy and Laity were successively called. There were found to be present:

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft,	Rev. Moseley Morris,
Rev. Densmore D. Chapin,	Rev. Edwin G. Nock,
Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh,	Rev. Joseph B. Prichard,
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.,	Rev. John N. Rippey, M. D.,
Rev. William S. Hayward,	Rev. Colin C. Tate,
Rev. Robert Ellis Jones,	Rev. J. Rice Taylor,
Rev. Joseph S. Large,	Rev. William W. Taylor,
Rev. James A. McGlone,	Rev. William Morrall,
Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff.	

Presbyters not entitled to seats:

Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset, Rev. Frank W. Henry,
Rev. Theo. J. Knapp, D. D., Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.*

And of the Laity there were found 22 Delegates representing eleven Parishes and two Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAY CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee finds the Certificates of Election referred to them to be in due form and return the following list of persons entitled to seats in this Convention, viz.: from

Allegan, Church of the Good Shepherd	{ Hon. W. B. Williams, C. R. Wilkes, F. R. Rudd, S. D. Pond.†
Battle Creek, S. Thomas' Church	{ Clement Wakelee, Cha's F. Bock,
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's Church	{ Hon. George Willard, Hon. George Woodruff, C. B. Mosher.

* Mr. Woodford's disqualification was due to the neglect to notify the Bishop of his election to the rectorship of Trinity Church, but such notice was given during the Convention.

†Alternate, having a seat one day.

Coldwater, S. Mark's Church.....	{ Hon. N. P. Loveridge, Harry P. Woodward.
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's Church.....	William C. Lewis.
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's Church.....	{ Hon. J. W. Champlin, F. A. Gorham, C. S. Hazeltine.
Grand Rapids, Grace Church.....	{ O. H. Chipman, M. D., E. F. Sweet, Hon. L. D. Follett.
Grand Rapids, *Trinity Church.....	{ Hugh Hann. Gilbert McCray.
Hastings, Emmanuel Church.....	Hon. D. G. Robinson.
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's Church.....	{ Theo. P. Sheldon, David Fisher, Hon. Henry F. Severens.
Muskegon, S. Paul's Church.....	P. A. Von Weller
Niles, Trinity Church.....	{ R. W. Landon, Hon. J. Eastman Johnson.
Whitehall, Church of the Redeemer.....	A. W. Veal.
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity Mission.....	Alfred Coates.
Pentwater, S. James' Mission.....	O. H. Dean.

Respectfully submitted,

• C. C. TATE,
J. W. BANCROFT.

NOTE.—The list contains the names of those only who were present at the Convention.

Credentials were presented from S. John's Church, Grand Haven; Grace Church, Ludington; All Saints' Church, Saugatuck; but no delegates from them attended the Convention.

Eleven Parishes presented no credentials.

The Delegate of Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, was permitted to take his seat in the absence of his credentials.

The election of Secretary being in order, the Chair appointed as Tellers, the Rev. F. A. DeRosset and Mr. W. C. Lewis.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Thirty-three votes were cast and the Rev. J. W. Bancroft is elected unanimously.

F. A. DEROSSET,
WM. C. LEWIS.

The Secretary asked the appointment of Mr. F. A. Gorham as Assistant, which was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh moved that the Rules of Order printed on page 16 of the Journal of 1885, be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

*Admitted during the session and its delegates seated.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft moved an amendment of the VIIIth Rule of Order by adding,

and when he may deem it advisable, he may appoint on a Committee to report to the next Convention, a person qualified to be a delegate who is not a member of the Convention.

Which amendment prevailed, and the Rules of Order so amended were adopted.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention; and when he may deem it advisable, he may appoint on a Committee to report to the next Convention, a person qualified to be a delegate who is not a member of the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, that the Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.; the Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset, and the Rev. Frank W. Henry, not having been canonically resident in the Diocese for the space of six calendar months before the meeting of this

Convention, be admitted to a seat and vote in the Convention under Constitution, Article VI.

On motion of the Rev. E. G. Nock:

Resolved, that Clergymen from other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

Having sittings under the resolution of courtesy: Rev. G. W. Sinclair Ayres, of the Diocese of Mississippi; Rev. B. F. Cooley and Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, of the Diocese of Chicago.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh:

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the election of a Minister into a Parish be referred to a Committee of Laymen.

On motion of the Rev. C. C. Tate:

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Book Annexed as a whole, be referred to a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen to report to this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp:

Resolved, that the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the Woman's Auxiliary, be referred to a Committee of three.

On motion of the Rev. W. W. Taylor:

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the matter of Sunday School Instruction be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen to report to this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh:

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the *Church Helper* be referred to a Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh:

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Missionary Enrollment be referred to a Committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 26.

The Convention assembled for Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion. The Bishop was assisted in the Services by the Rev. Messrs. W. W. Taylor, F. A. DeRosset, C. C. Tate, J. R. Taylor, J. S. Large, J. B. Prichard.

The Offering was announced to be for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, and amounted to \$19.46.

Business being resumed, the Secretary called the Clergy roll and the lists of Parishes and lay delegates.

The President announced the following

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Rev. C. C. Tate, Rev. F. W. Henry, Mr. W. B. Williams.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—Mr. C. F. Bock, Mr. C. B. Mosher, Mr. W. C. Lewis.

On the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Rev. J. N. Rippey, Rev. S. H. Woodford, Mr. C. S. Hazeltine, Mr. David Fisher, Mr. O. H. Dean.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Mr. O. H. Dean, Mr. W. C. Lewis.

On the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions—Rev. J. R. Taylor, Rev. Ja's A. McGlone, Messrs. O. H. Chipman, N. P. Loveridge, L. D. Follett.

On Christian Education—Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. W. S. Hayward, Rev. J. E. Walton, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Mr. David Fisher.

On Canons—Rev. E. G. Nock, Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, Hon. J. W. Champlin, Hon. W. B. Williams.

On Church Literature—Rev. W. W. Taylor, Rev. B. A. Brown, Rev. Dr. Eastman, Mr. Harry Woodward, Mr. S. D. Pond.

On the Missionary Enrollment—Rev. F. A. DeRosset, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Hon. H. F. Severens, Mr. C. Wakelee, Mr. Alfred Milnes.

On Sunday School Instruction—Rev. R. E. Jones, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Mr. E. F. Sweet, Mr. H. Woodward, Mr. C. F. Bock.

On the Woman's Auxiliary—Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Rev. M. Morris, Mr. D. G. Robinson, Mr. P. A. VonWeller.

On the Election of a Minister—Hon Geo. Willard, Hon. N. P. Loveridge, Hon. H. F. Severens.

On the Book Annexed—Rev. C. C. Tate, Rev. R. E. Jones, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Hon. Geo. Woodruff, Hon. H. F. Severens, Mr. E. F. Sweet.

On the Church Helper—Rev. J. B. Prichard, Mr. Alfred Coates, Mr. L. D. Follett.

The President read the remainder of his Address, during which several Committees had leave of absence.

The Parochial Reports were presented to the Bishop.

The Reverend D. D. Chapin presented and read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

At the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Diocese, June 4, 1885, the following persons were elected members of the Standing Committee for the following year: Rev. E. S. Burford, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. C. C. Tate, Rev. H. J. Cook, Mr. L. C. Chapin, M. D., Mr. W. J. Stuart and Mr. W. R. Shelby.

After the adjournment of the Convention the Committee met and organized by electing Rev. J. W. Bancroft, President, and the Rev. H. J. Cook, Secretary.

Adjourned.

A second meeting was held at S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Sept. 22, 1885. The Resignation of the Rev. H. J. Cook as member and Secretary of the Committee was received, and a minute adopted in regard to the same. The Rev. D. D. Chapin was elected in his place.

Various sums were appropriated from the Disabled Clergy Fund.

A Third meeting was held at the Bishop's Residence, March 18, 1886. At this meeting the Resignation of the Rev. E. S. Burford was received, and a minute adopted in regard to the same. Also, a resolution was adopted in regard to the death of the Hon. L. C. Chapin, M. D., member of this Committee.

The Rev. J. N. Rippey was elected a member in place of the Rev. Mr. Burford, and the Hon. H. F. Severens in the place of Dr. Chapin.

The Rev. R. E. Jones was elected to fill a vacancy in the Board of Missions.

The Rev. E. G. Nock was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Divorce Legislation.

A Resolution of advice to the Bishop was passed, for which he had asked, in regard to the Resignation from the Ministry of the Rev. R. H. Dennis, Deacon.

These are the main points considered by the Committee during the year.

J. W. BANCROFT, President.

D. D. CHAPIN, Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Diocesan Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, presented and read his

ANNUAL REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan:

	Dr.
Cash balance from last year.....	\$544 36
" from S. Thomas', Battle Creek	72 75
" " " Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	97 80
" " " Mark's, Coldwater	79 30
" " " Paul's, Elk Rapids	19 75
" " " Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	311 50
" " " Paul's, "	21 80
" " Grace, "	64 45
" " Emmanuel, Hastings.....	37 60
" " S. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	111 25
" " Grace, Ludington.....	6 40
" " S. Paul's, Muskegon.....	51 75
" " Trinity, Niles.....	26 30
" " S. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	3 14
" " All Saints', Sangatuck.....	3 22
" " Trinity, Three Rivers.....	12 63
" " Grace, Union City.....	2 00
" " Redeemer, Whitehall.....	2 00
" " Trinity, Marshall.....	20 00
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	\$1,468 00

CONTRA.

By paid on Bishop's salary	\$1,000 00
" " Secretary of Convention.....	50 00
" " Sexton and pages.....	10 00
" " Rev. W. S. Hayward's travelling expenses.....	14 56
" " Rev. J. W. Bancroft's bill.....	13 00
" " Dennis & Slingerland's bill.....	154 50
" " Rev. E. G. Nock.....	4 95
" " T. A. Parish.....	2 80
" " Rev. M. S. Woodruff.....	3 45
" " C. A. Webster.....	2 00
" " Expenses of Dennis trial.....	7 00
" " Stamps, envelopes and printing circulars.....	2 06
" " Rev. F. A. DeRosset, Registrar.....	25 0 0
Cash in hand.....	178 69
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	\$1,468 00

Kalamazoo, May 26th, 1886.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS FOR ASSESSMENTS.

TOWNS.	PAR- ISHES.	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86
Albion	S. James'	\$22 66	\$16 18	\$20 00			\$30 00	\$27 81		\$9 34	\$28 00
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	\$18 50	\$21 00	20 00							
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's			15 00					\$68 73	48 12	28 50
Grand Haven	S. John's										
Grand Rapids	Grace					\$61 00			29 50	18 88	
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's			6 04	\$25 37				5 80	1 24	1 40
Holland	Grace								3 98	1 02	7 45
Homer	Christ								8 88	6 92	
Ludington	Grace										60 75
Niles	Trinity					15 54	14 00	24 40	26 29	1 60	10
Paw Paw	S. Mark's					1 40		12 82	12 10		
Sargack	Trinity	3 50						6 11			
Sargack	All Saints					6 31	9 02		45 60		25 25
Three Rivers	Trinity				2 65						7 25
Union City	Grace								24 68	1 00	
Union City	Grace										
Whitehall	Redeemer										

*To be remitted on payment of dues following.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

	Dr.
Cash balance from last report	\$219 50
" from Church of Good Shepherd, Allegan	3 97
" " S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek	18 00
" " S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids	7 48
" " S. Mark's Church, Coldwater	2 00
" " S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids	7 20
" " S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids	87 50
" " S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids	4 15
" " Emmanuel Church, Hastings	11 34

Cash from S. John's Church, Ionia.....	7 35
" " S Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.....	34 54
" " Grace Church, Ludington.....	1 00
" " S. Paul's Mission, Manistee.....	2 00
" " Trinity Church, Marshall.....	13 54
" " S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.....	5 28
" " Trinity Church, Niles.....	14 70
" " S. James' Mission, Pentwater.....	2 20
" " Grace Church, Union City.....	1 65

Total Offerings from Parishes..... \$223 79

Interest on Klaus Kilmp Mortgage.....	\$11 64
" " Zwart Mortgage.....	17 50
" " Bennick & Buckhout Mortgage.....	49 00
" " Bogema Mortgage.....	40 56
" " Quick Mortgage.....	18 36
" " Price Note.....	8 25
" " Nickles Mortgage.....	21 00

Total from Interest..... \$166 31

Paid on Price Note.....	\$50 00
" " Klaus Kilmp Mortgage.....	166 35
" " Bennick & Buckhout Mortgage.....	200 00
" " Bogema Mortgage.....	450 00
" " Zwart Mortgage	200 00

Total from Notes and Mortgages, with last year's balance..... \$1,285 85

Total Offerings and interest..... 390 10

\$1,675 95

CONTRA.

By paid Beneficiaries.....	Cr. \$225 00
" for Mortgage against D. Bogema.....	400 00
" " " " B. F. Starring.....	700 00
" " " " H. E. Congdon.....	200 00
Cash balance in hand.....	150 95

\$1,675 95

LIST OF SECURITIES BELONGING TO THE FUND.

Note of Alexander Price.....	\$100 00
Note and Mortgage from Pamela Pollock.....	210 00
" " " " John Buckhout & J. H. Bennick.....	500 00
" " " " Isaac Quick.....	400 00
" " " " Derk Bogema.....	350 00
" " " " Benj. F. Starring.....	700 00
" " " " George Nickles.....	300 00
" " " " H. E. Congdon.....	200 00

\$2,760 00

Kalamazoo, May 25th, 1886.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

The undersigned Lay member of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors, by the appointment of the Convention of 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, etc., and find them correct as per statement above.

H. F. SEVERENS,
of Standing Committee.

The reports were accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on the same.

The report of the Association of the Diocese was read by Mr. F. A. Gorham, Treasurer, accepted and referred to its appropriate committee.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan a Committee to make a report to the Convention as required by its by-laws, would respectfully present the following report of the Treasurer of the Association as showing, fully, the financial condition of the several funds within its control.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

In compliance with the by-laws of the Association, the following report is respectfully submitted:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Amount of this fund at date of last report, excluding doubtful and worthless notes (\$5,550.87) was	\$30,283 10
To which add amount paid during year on notes charged to Suspense Account	138 65
Total	\$30,421 75

The losses have been, shrinkage in value of lot at Ludington, contributed at \$200, sold for \$80	120 00
Making amount of fund at this date, not including doubtful and worthless notes (\$5,030.87)	\$30,301 75

Composed of the following items,

Episcopal residence, estimated value	\$11,000 00
Grace Church, Holland, cost to Association	1,186 25
Other real estate	615 13
Subscription notes, good	935 00
Loans, secured by mortgage	15,442 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands	1,123 37
	\$30,301 75

NOTE.—\$10 has been received from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Rev. R. H. Paine, for increase of Episcopal Fund, since making up these reports, and which will be regularly reported next year.

The Receipts and Disbursements have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$2,457 72	
From C. Barnes, Grand Haven, to pay note	10 00	
" sale of lot at Ludington	80 00	
" H. A. Bixby, Petoskey, payment of mortgage	500 00	
" J. J. Adams, Grand Rapids, payments on contract ..	75 00	
" W. B. Williams, Allegan, payment on mortgage	72 00	
" J. A. McPherson, Grand Rapids, payment of note	4 50	
" estate S. O. Kingsbury, Grand Rapids, payment of note	124 15	
" E. E. McIntyre, payment of mortgage	100 00	
" R. Van Ness, payment of mortgage	500 00	
" Cope & Andrews, payment of mortgage	1,000 00	\$4,923 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loan to David A. Moore	600 00	
" Lucy P. Faunce	500 00	
" John G. Barager	800 00	
" Sylvester Rogers	500 00	
" William Grummet	1,400 00	\$3,800 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands		\$1,123 37

Income account, Episcopal Fund:

RECEIPTS.

From interest on loans ..	\$1,214 06	
" " notes	48 10	
" Geo. Kendall, Grand Rapids, annual subscription	100 00	
" rent Episcopal residence ..	383 40	
" interest on deposits ..	22 06	
	\$1,767 61	
To which add amount received from T. P. Sheldon, for assessments	1,000 00	\$2,767 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Bishop Gillespie in full for salary to February 24, 1896, \$2,300.00; for one-half of salary for current quarter to May 24, '86 \$275.00	\$2,575 00	
Bill of A. H. Fowie, for painting and papering Episcopal residence	100 00	
Bill of F. C. Miller, repairs to same	61 41	
" F. J. Sokup, "	6 13	
" Geo. D. Gillespie, repairs to same	9 83	
For recording mortgages	2 25	\$2,754 65
Balance in Treasurer's hands		\$12 96

The income of this fund for the ensuing year is estimated at \$1,700 00

The liabilities will be:

Balance of Bishop's salary to May 24, 1886.....	\$275 00	
One year's salary to May 24, 1887.....	3,000 00	
For painting outside woodwork of Episcopal residence	70 00	\$3,345 00
Deficit		\$1,645 00

With his customary liberality, the Bishop contributes one-half of this deficit, in a letter, of which the following is a copy:

GRAND RAPIDS, May 7, 1886.

Mr. F. A. Gorham, Treasurer:

MY DEAR SIR: As there is an annual deficiency in meeting the salary of the Bishop, and the assessment must be increased this year by the expenses of the General Convention, I desire to contribute eight hundred dollars to the income of the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year, and I authorize you to take this sum from the salary of three thousand dollars.

While I annually put the matter in this form, as preferable, in my judgment, to the Convention decreasing the salary, I should be unwilling to be considered a donor while the financial condition of the Diocese compels this reduction. At the same time, permit me to state that I very cheerfully make this annual communication, and I am glad thus to aid my loved Diocese in its day of weakness.

I will add that, in my judgment, as a matter of principle and precedent, so long as the necessity of this relief continues, the Convention should hold all claims or assessments intact.

Yours very truly,

Signed,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

Deducting from the above deficit, this contribution of.....	\$800 00
And the net deficit to be raised by assessment will be	845 00

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The amount remains the same as at last report.....		\$2,810 00
Invested in bonds and mortgages	\$1,850 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	960 00	\$2,810 00

The income and disbursements have been as follows:

INCOME.

Balance per last report.....	\$3 50	
Interest on Swift mortgage.....	79 50	
“ “ Vaudrey “	30 00	
“ “ Martin “	10 00	
“ “ Hall “	20 33	
“ “ Hanchett “	40 10	\$183 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for recording assignment of Hanchett mortgage.....	\$ 65	
Remitted to D. G. Robinson, Treasurer of Board of Missions	182 78	\$183 43

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Total amount held in trust, for special objects, at date of last report was	\$1,655 58	
To which has been added during year, amounts received from Rev. W. S. Hayward, for church building at Manistee.....	165 00	
Amounts received from Mr. C. M. Atkins, for rent of church building at Charlotte.....	161 36	
Interest on Peterson mortgage.....	19 40	
Interest on certificates of deposit	47 20	\$2,051 54

Credited as follows:

Rectory building fund	\$1,471 85	
Lyons fund.....	145 64	
Decatur fund.....	72 12	
Sturgis fund.....	32 47	
S. Paul's Mission, Manistee.....	165 00	
Grace Mission, Charlotte.....	164 36	\$2,051 54

Of this amount \$200 is invested in bonds and mortgages,
and \$1,851.54 is held by Treasurer on special deposit.

Detailed statement of Securities held by the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

FOR EPISCOPAL FUND.

Subscription notes, good.....	\$835 00
Subscriptions, worthless and doubtful.....	5,030 87

Bonds and mortgages as follows:

Elijah Dart, 7½ per cent.....	\$2,000 00
William Grummet, 7 per cent.,.....	1,400 00
John Schaffn 8 " ".....	1,000 00
Julia Parsons, 8 " ".....	1,000 00
L. Dodds, 7 " ".....	850 00
M. Ryan, 9 " ".....	840 00
Jno. G. Barager, 7 " ".....	800 00
David A. Moore, 7 " ".....	600 00
E. P. Goundry, 7 " ".....	524 00
J. A. Campbell, 7 " ".....	500 00
F. C. Rathbun, 8 " ".....	500 00
W. H. Converse, 8 " ".....	500 00
Lucy P. Faunce, 10 " ".....	500 00
A. VanAmberg, 8 " ".....	450 00
Jas. P. Hayes, 8 " ".....	350 00
J. A. Shoccraft, 8 " ".....	300 00
Geo. L. Hale, 8 " ".....	300 00
H. L. Birdsall, 10 " ".....	300 00
M. Maloney, 8 " ".....	300 00
C. Myres, 8 " ".....	250 00

A. M. Beal,	8 per cent.	250 00
W. B. Williams,	10 " "	208 00
J. Tibbets,	8 " "	200 00
L. K. Austin,	7 " "	160 00
John Marz,	8 " "	225 00
Wm. Hannon,	8 " "	200 00
J. B. Andrews,	10 " "	150 00
Geo. E. Wallace,	10 " "	125 00
Agnes Pinney,	10 " "	100 00
A. M. Bennett,	10 " "	100 00
Sylvester Rogers,	8 " "	500 00

Deeds as follows:

Geo. Kendall, Episcopal residence, value, including building.....	11,000 00
Grace church, Holland, cost to Association.....	1,186 25
E. M. Adams, property at Grand Rapids, acquired under foreclosure, and sold, under contract, to Jos. J. Adams.....	615 13

Total Episcopal Fund \$34,209 25

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Bonds and Mortgages:

L. E. Hanchett, 7 per cent.....	\$1,250 00
S. Vaudrey, 10 " "	300 00
Rufus Hall, 10 " "	200 00
Thos. Martin, 10 " "	100 00

Total Permanent Missionary Fund..... \$1,850 00

RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

Certificate of deposit, National City Bank, Grand Rapids, 3 per cent.....	\$1,471 95
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PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

Bond and Mortgage, N. R. Peterson, 9 per cent., belonging to sundry funds.....	\$200 00
Certificates of deposit, accrued interest on above	50 23
" " " Manistee fund.....	165 00
" " " Grace Mission, Charlotte.....	164 36
Bill of sale of church building at Charlotte.....	300 00

Deeds as follows—the values being those shown in Parochial reports,
Journal of 1886:

Jos. Barry, land at Quincy.....	150 00
Sam'l Mowry, land at Quincy.....	800 00
Caroline Snell, land at Lowell	125 00
Henry Hall, land at Plainfield.....	50 00
Saml. G. Graham, land at Coopersville.....	650 00
Sundry person, land at Eaton Rapids, (insurance policy on church, \$700)	1,500 00
W. L. Webber, trustee, land at Baldwin	1,000 00
Lutan and Slaught, land at Greenville, (insurance policy on church, \$1,400)	1,800 00

Southard & Crandall, land at Harbor Springs, (policy of insurance on church, \$2,000).....	3,000 00
Dexter and Noble, land at Elk Rapids {	5,254 67
E. W. Bagot, land at Elk Rapids.....	
Wm. Cox, et. al., land at Grand Rapids, (Trinity Church property).....	5,000 00
N. McMillan, land at Rockford, (policy of insurance, \$1,000).....	1,765 00
Minnie K. Brown, land at Mt. Pleasant, (policy of insurance, \$2,000)....	4,000 00
Louis Sands, land at Manistee.....	450 00

Total Trust Fund..... \$26,424 26

F. A. GORHAM,

Treasurer.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 25, 1886.

GRAND RAPIDS, May 19, 1886.

The undersigned Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors by appointment of the Convention of 1876, (page 39. Journal of 1876) do hereby certify that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, as set forth in the foregoing lists, and find them correct as therein stated.

W. R. SHELBY,

W. J. STUART,

Lay Members Standing Committee.

The Committee would call attention to the very generous contribution to the income of the Episcopal Fund made by our beloved Bishop. The present gratifying condition of the said fund is due, largely, to his annual gifts to its income.

We would also recommend the appointment, by the Convention, of a Committee of three to report, if possible, to this Convention, but if not, to the next Convention, the advisability of amending the Articles of Association of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan so that they shall define more clearly its rights and duties in the matter of holding, in trust, and managing and disposing of parochial property. It appears to the Committee that some legislation may be necessary for the purpose of changing the general act under which the Association is incorporated, for the reason that it limits the value of property which may be held in trust, to one hundred thousand dollars; or a new corporation may be organized, under another act, whose duties shall be confined to care of parochial property.

E. F. SWEET,

C. B. MOSHER,

F. A. GORHAM,

R. E. JONES.

On motion of Mr. E. F. Sweet:

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to report to this Convention upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Association.

The Rev. M. S. Woodruff submitted the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was accepted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully beg leave to report, that they find on page 7 of the Journal of the last Convention, three Committees holding over to report:

On the Rights and Duties of Vestries, on the Tenure of Church Property, on Divorce Legislation.

Also, the subject referred to the Committee on Canons, page 47 of the Journal, in regard "to the propriety of admitting certain officers to membership in the Convention;" a communication from New Jersey was referred to this Convention, see page 57; and a proposed change in Art. V. lies over for adoption or rejection; page

The Committee are informed by the Bishop, that having omitted at the Convention of 1885, to appoint a Committee on Resolutions XIII-XXXIII, connected with the annexed Book, in conformity with the plan adopted at the Convention of 1884, (see Bishop's Address, p. 71), he subsequently appointed such Committee; the Rev. J. N. Rippey, Chairman, who should report to this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. WOODRUFF,
WM. C. LEWIS,
O. H. DEAN.

The Committee on Divorce Legislation submitted its Report by the Rev. E. G. Nock, Chairman; the same was accepted.

The Committee on Divorce Legislation continued by the Eleventh Annual Convention "with enlarged functions to consider also, and report on the Marriage Laws of the State," beg leave to report that no further effort has been made to secure the desired legislation, and that there exists in the Committee a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of taking any further steps in the matter.

Owing to the fact that the late Chairman of the Committee, the Rev. S. Burford, has removed from the Diocese, and the present Chairman so recently appointed to fill the vacancy created by such removal, no opportunity has been had for full consultation in relation to the subject to be considered. We therefore recommend that the Committee be continued.

E. GAINES NOCK,
J. DAVIDSON BURNS,
W. B. WILLIAMS.

The report of Special Committee referred to on page 47, Journal of 1885, was on motion referred to the Committee on Canons for report at this Convention.

The communication from the Diocese of New Jersey, referred to on page 57 of the Journal of 1885, was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, laid on the table.

The proposed change of the Constitution as shown on

pages 46 and 47 of the Journal of 1885, was then adopted by the following vote: Clergy—yeas, 11; nays, 0; Laity—yeas, 18; nays, 0.

The Convention took a recess till the hour of 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Chair announced the Special Committee on the proposed amendment of the Articles of Association of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan: Mr. E. F. Sweet, Hon. H. F. Severens, Hon. N. P. Loveridge.

The Rev. J. S. Large offered the following:

Resolved, that the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Bishops of Easton, Florida and Missouri, and that of the Hon. L. C. Chapin, of Kalamazoo, be referred to a Committee to report some suitable memorial to the Convention, on the great loss the Church has sustained herein.

The same was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the Chair appointed such Committee as follows: The Rev. Messrs. Large, Prichard and Woodruff, Hon. Geo. Willard, Mr. T. P. Sheldon.

The Rev. F. A. DeRosset, Registrar, presented and read his Annual Report, which was accepted.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The donations and additions to the Diocesan Library the past year have been nineteen (19) volumes as follows:

- No. 986. Life of Bishop Whittingham, volume I Donor, Rev. Moseley Morris.
- No. 987. Life of Bishop Whittingham, volume II. Donor, Rev. Moseley Morris.
- No. 988. Journal General Convention, 1887.
- No. 989. Journals General Convention, 1785-1814.
- No. 990. A Catalogue of the Liturgies, Liturgical Works, Books of Private Devotion, Hymnals and Collections of Hymns, in the Stennecke Maryland Episcopal Library, the Legacy of the Rt. Rev. W. R. Whittingham, D. D., LL. D., Bp. of Md., to his Diocese 1879, Privately Printed, 1881.
- No. 991. Digest of the Canons, 1868.
- No. 992. " " " 1859.

No. 993. Journal of General Convention, 1817.

No. 994. " " " " 1789.

No. 995. " " " " 1792.

No. 996. " " " " 1795.

No. 997. The Episcopal Church defended: with an examination into the claims of Methodist Episcopacy. Jas. A. Bolles.

No. 998. Candid Reasons for Renouncing the Principles of Antipaedobaptism. Also, an appendix, containing a short method with the Baptists. By Peter Edwards.

No. 999. Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. Alabama—New Jersey, volume I.

No. 1,000. Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. New Mexico—Wisconsin, volume II.

No. 1,001. Chapters on Bible Classes. By the author of "Copsley Annals".

No. 1,002. Christianity and Civil Society. Bishop Harris of Michigan. Donor, R. E. Jones.

No. 1,003. The Unnoticed Things of Scripture. Dr. Kip, Bishop of Cal. Donor, Mrs. T. P. Sheldon.

No. 1,004. What is of Faith as to Everlasting Punishment. Rev. E. B. Pusey, D. D. Donor, Mrs. T. P. Sheldon.

To complete files the following are our wants:

American Church Review, volume XXIII., No. 4; volume XXXI., Nos. 2, 3, 4; volume XXXII., Nos. 2, 5, 6.

The Churchman, volume I., II., to No. 42; volume LXVIII., No. 3, Supplement.

The Living Church, volume I., volume II., Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Church Congress, 3d and 5th Reports.

Pastoral Letters, House of Bishops, all previous to 1835 except 1820, and in addition for the years 1844, 1853, 1859, 1868. Gifts of any of the foregoing are earnestly solicited.

The list of Journals of other Dioceses is complete save the following: California, '85; Connecticut, '85; Louisiana, '85; Minnesota, '81, '85; Montana, '85; Montana, Idaho and Utah, '75; North Dakota, '85; Ohio, '82, '81; Quincy, '85; Texas, '75, '84, '85; Washington Territory, '84, '85; West Texas, '79, '80, '81, '85.

The property of which I am custodian is well preserved, methodically arranged, and all entries are made.

The accompanying resolution is hereby submitted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for incidental expenses.

For disposal at this office are duplicate Journals of the Dioceses: *Spirit of Missions*, copies of *The Churchman*, *Living Church*, *Church Journal*, *Our Dioceses*, Church year Book, 1879, Pastoral Letter House of Bishops' '74, '77, General Convention Proceedings (*Churchman* Edition), *Princeton Review*, and *American Church Review*.

No charge except for postage.

REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

1885-86.

Received from former Registrar.	\$ 04
July 17, received from Mr. T. P. Sheldon.....	10 00
October 12, received from Mr. T. P. Sheldon	15 00

\$25 04

REGISTRAR'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

July 18, paid M. A. True, printing bill.....	\$1 75
July 18, paid for postage.....	79
July 28, paid for postage.....	25
Sept. 14, Barlow Bros., for binding <i>Churchman</i>	7 15
Sept. 14, Barlow Bros., for binding 2 vols. <i>Diocesan Constitution</i> and <i>Canons</i>	2 50
Allen Publishing Co., Patent Album.....	10 00
April 4, J. Chilver & Co., binding 2 volumes <i>Michigan Journals</i>	1 50
May 19, cash on hand.....	1 10

E. & O. E. \$25 04

F. A. DeROSSET,
Registrar.

Grand Rapids, May 19, 1886.

DUPLICATE JOURNALS IN THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY.

Alabama, '83, '84; Albany, '77, '76, '82, '84-'86; Arkansas, '82-'85; California, '84, (2); Central New York, '82-'84; Central Pennsylvania, '82-'84; Chicago, '84; Colorado, '82-'85; Connecticut, '83, '84 (2); Delaware, '79, '82-'84; Easton, '82-'84; Florida, '82-'84; Fond du Lac, '75 (3), '76 (2), '82-'84; Georgia, '79, '83, '84; Illinois, '82, '83; Indiana, '83, '84; Iowa, '83-'85; Kansas, '59, '64, '82, '83, '85; Kentucky, '78-'84 (2), '85; Long Island, '78, '80-'82 (2), '83, '84; Louisiana, '74, '75 (2), '78, '81-'84; Maine, '75, '78, '79, '82-'84; Maryland, '82, '83, '84, Oct. '84 Sp.; Massachusetts, '78, '82-'84 (2), '85; Michigan, '50 (2), '56, '58, '65-'67, '82-'84; Mississippi, '82-'84; Missouri, '83, '84; Nebraska, '83; New Hampshire, '80, '82-'84 (2); New Jersey, '77-'79 (2), '82, '83 (2), '84 (2); New Mexico and Arizona, '81, '83, '84, '85; New York, '82-'85; North Carolina, '82; North California, '83, '84; North Dakota, '84; North New Jersey, '77, '80, '82, '84 (2), '85; North Texas, '83; Ohio, '55, '57 (3) '58, '59 (2), '60, '83; Oregon, '84; Pennsylvania, '81, '85; Pittsburg, '76, '79, Sp. '81, '82-'84; Quincy, '82, '83; Rhode Island, '82-'84; South Carolina, '83, '84; South Ohio, '82 (2), '83; Springfield, '82-'84; Tennessee, '76, '77, '79, '83, '84 (2); Texas, '78-'80; Vermont, '79 (2), '81 (2), '82 (2), '83 (2), '84; Virginia, '82-'84; West New York, '76, '77, '80, '82, '83 (2), '84 (2), '85; West Virginia, '82, '83, '84 (2); Wisconsin, '83; Colorado and Wyoming, '82, '83; Wyoming, '84 (2); West Texas, '84.

The Resolution appended to the Report of the Registrar, was, on motion of Rev. Mr. Bancroft, adopted.

The Committee on the Rights and Duties of Vestries, holding over from the Convention of 1885, submitted its Report in the following form, the Rev. D. D. Chapin reading the former part and the Hon. H. F. Severens, the latter part.

REPORT ON THE MUTUAL RELATIONS AND DUTIES OF RECTORS AND VESTRIES.

By reference to the Journals of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Committee on "the mutual relations and duties of Rectors and Vestries" finds its present labor very largely anticipated.

In his Address before the Convention of 1877, the Bishop, referring to "Wardens and Vestrymen," among other things, says: "That there are great difficulties inherent in the system, we are every year proving more and more, and the day must come when essential modifications shall be introduced. Our parishes are under a law, which, in some features, is in antagonism with the first principles of our polity. Whether it be the idea that wardens and vestrymen are fully competent in civil and ecclesiastical law to manage the whole parish life, or whether it be ignorance of the genius and details of both; I find it commonly, though in the very purity of intention, impossible to care for a parish through its officers," etc. "There are even graver evils. A clergyman is called without adequate provision being made for a pledged salary, and yet an empty treasury is considered sufficient answer to what is virtually a petition for bread, or even a summary dismissal is made a just release from the contract. The matter of provision for public worship is made nobody's duty, and the rector must be his own sexton, I have even known, carrying wood from his own pile,"—and much more to the same effect.

This portion of the Address was referred to a Special Committee, which was continued until the next Convention, and in the Journal of 1878 we find their very able Report. It is signed by the Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Charles F. Bock and W. B. Williams. It is greatly to be desired that the portion of the Address above alluded to, and the Report be reprinted, and copies of the same be placed in the hands of every vestryman in the Diocese; this suggestion is made to the Convention.

As the present Committee understand it, the special questions before them at the present time are: What are the special terms of the contract between a clergyman and a vestry under an ordinary "call" to a rectorship; and does the "right" lie with a vestry to reduce a rector's salary?

In answer to these questions, the Committee of 1878 expressly says: "When a rector is called at a given salary, and the pew rents or subscriptions or offertory only pay a part of it, the vestry cannot say, we will pay as far as the money goes, and if the rector secures only one half his salary it is not our fault. It is their special and legal duty to obtain from the congregation, in whose behalf they made the contract with the rector, the full amount they stipulated to pay him. They ought always to make provision for the salary of the rector before they call him," etc.

Your Committee might rest here, as the above quotations answer the most important of the questions, but they venture upon some considerations bearing upon the nature of the contract, as shown by the decisions of the courts both before and after the date of the Report, and upon the expressed voice of the Church.

In the first place, as to vestries. The Committee of 1878 seem to have fallen into an error, which, if not great, is of some importance. They say: "The Vestry is a body corporate." The authorities generally consider that the *Parish* is the incorporated body, and the vestry the board of trustees representing the same. A parish is a body corporate, primarily created under statute law for a religious purpose, and is strictly governed by the terms of its charter under the law. Under this consideration no member of the parish is exempt from legal obligations incurred by its vestry. The parish is also an ecclesiastical body, governed by the canon laws of the Church, general and diocesan; but under the conditions of present existence, the canon is subordinate to the statute law.

In Michigan, those parishes organized under the general law "for the organization of Protestant Episcopal Churches," by the terms of that law are made "*bodies politic and corporate, in accordance with the Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.*"

By this clause of the statute the body of the canon law, both general and diocesan, and the doctrines and usages of the Church are virtually made a part of the statute law, and the parishes and their officers are made and exist subordinate to the laws and usages of the Church, except in so far as provision is made for any matter by the express terms of the statute itself, under which they are incorporated. We see, therefore, that our vestries are to be governed in their conduct not only by the law of the State, but by the law of the Church as well. If any parishes exist under special law they are governed by the terms of that law.

The Journal of the General Convention of 1880, p. 486, contains the Report to that body of a Special Committee, appointed in 1877, on the relations of rectors and vestries, which may be considered as embodying the mind of the Church in the matter. In that report it is expressly stated that a clergyman is not to be considered as a "hired man." Reference, without quotation, is here made to that Report.*

A catena of decisions of the civil courts for a hundred years past, would, it is believed, sustain this ground. The contract, unless of a special kind, between a rector and a vestry is a *mutual one*, and not of the nature of that between employer and employee, or master and servant, whereby the latter may be discharged at any time, or his wages reduced, which is the equivalent of a discharge. The courts have amply sustained this position. A few references will suffice.

In the case, "*Sheldon vs. the Congregational Parish at Easton*" [24 Pickering, Mass. Reports], Justice Morton, the learned Chief Justice Shaw and the whole court concurring, [p. 286], says: "The settlement of a minister over a congregational church and society, without any limitations as to its continuance, or express stipulations as to the mode of its dissolution, is a contract for life, determinable only in the manner and for the causes established by law." He states, further on, that "Every congregational minister may forfeit his office by certain misfeasances and non-feasances;" and he lays down "three established causes of forfeiture:"

[1] An essential change of doctrine.

[2] A wilful neglect of duty.

[3] Immoral and criminal conduct.

"The contract," he says, "is a mutual one. Its obligations are reciprocal and dependent." "But a contract so solemn and important, and a relation so interesting to the parties, and so connected with their future as well as present welfare, is not to be dissolved lightly, or for slight causes," etc.; and much more bearing on the question.

In the case of "*Avery vs. the Inhabitants of Tyringham*," [3 Mass. p. 172 sq.], Justice Parker says: "*That a settlement of a Minister, under a contract for an indefinite period, is a settlement for life.*" "The anxious regard which the framers of the Constitution have displayed for the public religious instruction of the people most effectually negatives a construction of that instrument, which reduces

*"The Rector has the right to claim and enjoy 'the accustomed temporalities of the Church,' as stipulated at the time of his settlement or call, and which constitute a virtual contract of full legal and moral force, binding upon both parties."—Report of Joint Committee, 1880.

*"A rector canonically elected and in charge, or an Instituted Minister, may not resign his parish without the consent of said parish or its vestry (if the vestry be authorized to act in the premises); neither may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said parish or vestry against his will, except as hereinafter provided."—Canon 4, Title II, Canons of General Convention.

the security of a minister for his salary, below that which a laborer has for his bargained wages." [p. 173], and in the same case, Chief Justice Parsons, the greatest judicial light of New England, says [same page *et seq*]: "A consideration of the nature and duties of the ministerial office is important in determining its tenure. It is the duty of a minister to adapt his religious and moral instructions to the various classes comprising his congregation. He ought therefore to have a knowledge of their situation, circumstances, habits and characters, which is not to be obtained but by a long and familiar acquaintance with them." "Vice is to be reprov'd by him in public and private; and the more prevalent and fashionable are any bad habits, the more necessary is it for the faithful minister to censure them, and to rebuke those who indulge them. But if it be a principle that his office and support depend on the will of his people, the natural tendency of such a principle, by operating on his fears, will be to restrain him from a full and plain discharge of his official duties. And it may be added, that the same principle, by diminishing his weight and influence, will render his exhortations and rebukes unavailing and ineffectual. And as it cannot be for the interest of the people to hold a power, probably dangerous, and certainly inconvenient to themselves, I cannot believe that a tenure at will, whence this power results, can accord with the nature and duties of the office. And it may also be observed that if a tenure of his office be at will, a minister, after a life of exemplary diligence in the exercise of his official duties, may, when oppressed with the infirmities of age, be removed from office, and be dismissed in poverty and neglect. A consequence of this power in a parish will be the deterring of young men of information and genius from entering the clerical profession, and devolving the public instruction in religion and morals on incompetent persons, without talents, education or any suitable qualifications. Thus an office, which to be useful, ought to attract our respect and veneration, will be the subject of general contempt and disgrace."

Weighty and prophetic words!—and the eighty years past since their utterance have confirmed their wisdom and truth. That the same principles have been maintained in the Episcopal Church many legal decisions have determined; but reference here only is made to a decision in 1883 by the Supreme Court of Iowa: "*Bird v. St. Mark's, Waterloo.*" The vestry had undertaken to reduce the stipulated salary of the rector without his consent. Suit was brought, and all the courts sustained the rector. The court says: "The right of the salary, stipulated at the time the plaintiff accepted the position of rector, is a valuable property right secured to the plaintiff by contract. *One party to a contract cannot ignore its provisions, or violate them with impunity.*"

But cases may arise where vestries actually are unable to fulfill the obligations which they or their predecessors have incurred. These may come from removals, or inability of former contributors, or more likely from defection of members of the congregation, who through caprice, a spirit of worldliness or self-will, dislike of the clergyman, or some fancied grievance, refuse to do their duty, "as God has prospered them," to the Church. It may not be easy always in such cases to adjust the difficulty; but where patience and Christian forbearance exist on both sides, usually the difficulties will vanish; but if not, the Church law of appeal to the *Ordinary* should come in, and both parties are bound to abide by the result.

A commoner source of trouble arises where clergy are called to parishes, and a salary offered beyond what the parish has ever paid, and clearly beyond its means to pay, and the burden of the deficit is thrown upon the rector, and without a lawsuit he has no recourse. Some way surely should be devised to defend the clergy from such wrong as this. The Bishop, too often, has no responsibility, for he was not consulted at the outset in the matter. We are sure, however, that in any case, no clergyman, worthy of the name, will ever become a Shylock, and demand the

literal enforcement of any contract, where there is clearly no ability on the part of the congregation to fulfill the same.

In conclusion, the Committee ventures to express the opinion that the methods at present obtaining in the relations of priest and people are an anomaly in Christendom, and that in this regard there is most urgent need of reform—indeed, of entire reconstruction on a Christian and Catholic basis. As matters stand, the Church has little, almost no control over her clergy. She may educate them, yet she cannot use them; but she permits, nay, compels them, after their ordination, to *farm themselves out* on such terms as they can make, to the service of corporations, primarily secular in their nature, and too often composed of men of little Christian character, and under little obligation to Christian duty and Catholic law. The courts, in mercy and justice, have construed this relationship as one not of *servitude*, but still under it the position of the Christian Priest is one of great disquietude and unrest, causing suffering untold, and weakening in every way his power.

To remedy this existing and great evil is one of the greatest problems and duties before the Church.

D. D. CHAPIN,

J. N. RIPPEY:

G. C. V. EASTMAN, { who subscribe this report
H. F. SEVERENS { with the reservations implied
GEORGE WILLARD, } in the following:

The undersigned members of the Special Committee appointed at the last Convention to report upon the Rights and Duties of Vestries beg leave to report that according to their understanding of the subject it is a question originating in an expression used by the Bishop in his address of the preceding year.

In that address the Bishop said, "I concede that a Vestry may reduce as well as increase a salary, and when there is a failure of resources that honestly they cannot perform their original agreement they should use that right."

Understood as we think the Bishop meant to be understood, we fully coincide in this statement. We assume that what he meant was, if the circumstances of the parish made it necessary the Vestry could reduce the salary.

The term "salary" imports a periodical stipend for some service. This meaning is implied in the Bishop's statement. We do not understand that he means that the Vestry can violate a contract or that they could for the current period refuse to pay the stipulated salary.

What is meant is, that the Vestry in their view of the financial exigencies of the parish may and should stipulate for a period ensuing that which is then current a sum which the altered circumstances will bear.

It appears to us that the question raised springs from interpreting the Bishop's language in a different sense; that is to say, in a sense which would leave the contract between the minister and the Vestry at the mercy of the latter, an interpretation which as we have said, we do not think the right one.

With this statement we think our report might end, because we do not think it expedient for a Diocesan Convention to take any affirmative action in the way of laying down any doctrine on a subject of so grave and general a nature, and that it is better to leave a subject which affects the Church at large in an equal way, to the General Convention.

But if we are wrong in our construction of the Bishop's language the question may remain for general discussion, and in that view we beg to reaffirm the principle stated above as understood to be affirmed by the Bishop. Having heard read the report of the chairman of our committee we are prepared to and do most will-

ingly express our hearty concurrence in its general expressions of the moral duties of the vestry toward the minister, and we assume it is not intended to ignore the correlative moral duties of the minister toward his parish, especially that touching the subject in hand.

And we express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with the over-worked and scantily-paid clergy whose faithful devotion deserves better treatment than it always, or even generally, receives. We agree to the doctrine that the Vestry cannot violate their contract with the Minister by refusing to pay the stipulated salary.

But we cannot subscribe to the proposition that the contract is a perpetual one that is to hold fast and override all consideration of the varying circumstances of the parish.

It seems to us a principle equally unfair and injurious to Minister and parish.

Not to speak of the more worldly effect of its tendency toward becalming and lethargizing the incumbent—we speak of the tendency only and not of what would always happen—but to put the matter upon the higher plane of its intrinsic merits and justice, we call attention to some considerations which seem to us quite controlling.

There is no equity in the case of a parish built up in large measure so far as human agency is concerned, from the weakness of infancy to the vigor and strength of maturity by the talents, devotion and energy of a Minister who has grown up with his parish to enlarged ability and capacity, restricting its minister to the paltry salary it could pay when it was weak and poor, nor has such a parish any reasonable right to say that it is in legal position to insist that the salary must remain as at the beginning.

And if unfortunately the status is changed and parish and Minister have gone down in energy and efficiency, the parish has grown poor and gone into decrepitude, its resources have shrunk so that the old salary cannot be paid, it seems to us that the right sequence is obvious.

Or if by other reasons such as the growth of the location in population and wealth, or the contrary, the condition is changed, in reason, the salary of the minister must be varied also, and it would be intolerable to say that the Minister had a legal right to demand a salary which his people were in no condition to pay, simply because they paid him that, five, ten or twenty years before. And vice versa.

Time forbids a reference to other circumstances which will occur to the experience of all, and are constantly happening.

We do not assert that the Vestry have the power arbitrarily to reduce the Minister's salary. As the Bishop said in the paragraph which led to the present reference, the power is to be honestly exercised.

The courts of justice set their faces against all sorts of fraud and subterfuge and could be depended on in the administration of their own principles, to defeat an act which was an abuse of power by the Vestry and render null any proceeding of the Vestry taken in bad faith.

We think there is ample remedy in the principles of law which protect both people and clergy to prevent any mischief, such as a view opposite to that we take, thinks possible.

And we think it not fitting to assume as the basis of any theory on the subject that Vestries will act dishonestly, or that if such a thing should happen, those who are injuriously affected thereby have no remedy.

G. C. V. EASTMAN,
H. F. SEVERENS,
GEORGE WILLARD.

The Hon. W. B. Williams moved that the majority and minority reports be accepted, which motion prevailed.

NOTE, by the Secretary: The Committee were unanimous in the wish that the whole shall be treated as one report, on the ground that each part of the report was acceptable with some qualifications to all the members of the Committee.

The Rev. E. G. Nock moved the adoption of the former part of the Report.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman moved a re-consideration of the vote accepting the majority and minority reports. After some discussion, the Chair ruled that Mr. Nock's motion was the one before the house.

The Rev. J. S. Large moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

The Hon. J. W. Champlin moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter.

Mr. Large's motion had precedence under the Rule of Order, and the vote being taken, the matter was tabled, yeas—27, nays—15.

The Secretary presented a proposed memorial to the General Convention from the Diocese of Oregon on the subject of Lay Readers, and moved it be accepted and made the special order for consideration after "elections" are reached; which motion prevailed.

A proposed memorial to the General Convention, from the Diocese of Louisiana, on the subject of Church Unity, was read by the Secretary, and on motion of Mr. L. D. Follett accepted and made the special order after "Elections" are reached.

The Report of the Committee on the admission of Churches into union with the Convention was presented and read by the Rev. Mr. Tate.

Your Committee report the following Parishes as not entitled to representation in this Convention under the provisions of Section 3, Article six.

S. James' Church, Albion; S. John's Church, Grand Haven; Grace Church, Holland; Christ Church, Homer; Trinity Church, Saranac.

The above list are reported under a construction of the section referred to that your Committee understand to have been adopted by prior Conventions of this Diocese. Your Committee, however, are of the opinion that a literal compliance with Section 3 would exclude the following as not having paid in full the last two assessments.

Grace Church, Ludington; Grace Church, Traverse City; Redeemer, Whitehall; S. John's Church, Ionia; Trinity Church, Niles; Grace Church, Union City.

Your Committee would further report that we have received application of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, for admission into Union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, under Canon III., Sec. 7, and examined papers submitted, and find them in accordance with provisions of said canon.

The Committee therefore proposes for adoption the following:

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, be admitted into Union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

C. C. TATE,
F. W. HENRY,
W. B. WILLIAMS.

On motion of Mr. E. F. Sweet, the report was accepted, and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tate, the resolution admitting Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, into union with the Convention, was adopted.

Credentials from the same were then presented and the names of the delegates having been called, the same took their seats.

Hon. W. B. Williams moved that Section 3, Article VI. of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

No parish shall be admitted to representation of any kind in the Convention which has not paid in full one of the last two assessments, due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese.

Mr. L. D. Follett moved an amendment of the same to read:

No parish shall be admitted to representation of any kind in the Convention which has not paid in full the last assessment due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese; the same was lost by the following vote: Clergy—yeas, 0; nays, 15; Laity—yeas, 0; nays, 21.

Mr. William's proposed amendment was also lost: Clergy—yeas, 0; nays, 15; Laity—yeas, 0; nays, 19.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented by Mr. C. F. Bock and the same was adopted.

Your Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen to whom was referred the annual reports of the Treasurer, would respectfully report that after a careful examination of the statements and vouchers we find them correct with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$178.69.

CHAS. F. BOCK,
C. B. MOSHER,
WM. C. LEWIS,
Committee.

The Rev. E. G. Nock presented the Report of the Committee on Canons and the same was accepted.

Your Committee on Canons have had under consideration the report of the Committee which was referred to them, found on page 47 of the printed Journal of the last Convention and beg leave to report an amendment of Art. VI., Sec. 1 of the Constitution and to be added thereto as follows: The Registrar, the Treasurer of the Convention, the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the Lay members of Committees holding from one Convention to another, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Convention present and voting, be admitted to a seat in such Convention with the right of discussion, but not of voting.

E. GAINES NOCK,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
F. C. COOLBAUGH,
W. B. WILLIAMS.

The proposed amendment being under consideration, Mr. E. F. Sweet moved the following as a substitute:

Resolved, that this Convention do approve of the following amendment to Article VI. of the Constitution, and that the same lie over till the next Convention for formal action, viz: Add to said Article VI. of the Constitution, a new Section to be designated as Section five, as follows:

SEC. 5. The following persons shall be entitled to seats in the Convention with the privilege of discussion, but without the right of voting; *provided*, they possess the qualifications of a Lay delegate named in the *proviso* of Section 2 of this article, namely: The Registrar, the Treasurer of this Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the

Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Association, and Lay members of any Committee appointed at a previous Convention, when instructed to report to the Convention at which admission is sought.

NOTE, by the Secretary: The foregoing is the resolution as amended and adopted.

Mr. N. P. Loveridge moved to strike out from the substitute the clause giving the right to vote and insert "but without the right of voting."

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft moved to add the words "and where the vote is not taken by Parishes," which motion was lost.

Mr. O. H. Dean, of Pentwater, was excused from further attendance.

Mr. Loveridge's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Sweet's substitute, as amended by the motion of Mr. Loveridge, then received the following vote: Clergy—yeas, 9; nays 3; Laity—yeas, 16; nays, 2; and the same was declared adopted by a constitutional majority.

The Rev. W. W. Taylor presented and read the Report of the Committee on Church Literature, and the same was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature in presenting their report, wish, first of all, to express their gratification that in the Diocese of Western Michigan this most important subject is annually brought before the Convention, and thus, to some degree before the Church. No one can read the reports of the Standing Committees on Church Literature during the last ten years, without being convinced that an efficient service has been rendered. Earnest words have been spoken, valuable suggestions have been made and not in vain. It was immediately after the Committee of 1878 had dwelt in stirring language upon "the need of a sound and wholesome Christian literature" which should bring out "with clearness and accuracy the historical, doctrinal and practical teaching of the Christian religion." that a motion was offered having in view the establishment of a Diocesan Library. In the following year there was commended to "the serious consideration of the Convention," the question, "How can we best obtain a sound, reliable and live Diocesan paper?" Another Committee lament that the subscrip-

tion price of the Church weeklies places them beyond the reach of the large majority of the people. Again, the regret is expressed that so little attention is given to Sunday School literature, and to helps for teachers and children in the study of the Word of God.

To-day there is a Diocesan library of a thousand and more volumes, and, through the efforts of our Bishop, a fund is rapidly accumulating by means of which the newest books can be secured. In the *Church Helper* we have a Diocesan paper, conducted with ability, fairness and faithfulness to Church principles, a paper worthy of a support that would make it a source of revenue and justify its immediate enlargement. As to the weekly journals of the Church, there can no longer be any reasonable complaint about the price. The *Living Church* and the *Church Press* at one dollar a year are surely within the reach of families in the humblest circumstances and nothing better can be placed in the hands of our people. In size, neatness of appearance and editorial thought they fully equal. If indeed they do not surpass, anything of like cost among denominational papers. And it is a real pleasure to know that their circulation is attaining proportions which a few years ago would have seemed incredible. This is one evidence of an increasing interest in Church Literature. And another evidence is to be found in the fact that not only is a Church Quarterly receiving the support it deserves, but also that a worthy Church Magazine has secured subscribers enough to warrant its continuation. Your Committee also note with pleasure the various improvements which have been made in the *Spirit of Missions*, rendering it by far the most interesting and attractive publication of the kind in the land; and the advent of a new Monthly for Church Workers, edited by the wife of our late Secretary of the Board of Missions, Dr. Twing. To-day there is no longer the difficulty once experienced in obtaining suitable books for the Sunday School library. Bishop Doane and the Cambridge Library Association, through their published lists of good literature for the young, have placed the whole Church under a debt of gratitude. And, then, it is cause for great thankfulness to know that our Church now possesses the appliances for Sunday School instruction easily superior to any yet devised. The Uniform Scheme of lessons as set forth by Diocesan Committees with the "Helps" furnished from other quarters, notably in the American Church Sunday School Magazine, is not only doing a good work among children and teachers, it is filling the whole Church with new enthusiasm for the study of that Volume which alone makes men "wise unto salvation." One great merit of this scheme of lessons, in the judgment of your Committee, is its unswerving loyalty to Church teaching and Church principles.

While your Committee have felt justified in presenting at this time a report more encouraging and cheering than those which have been presented in past years, they are yet deeply conscious that our people, as a rule, are amazingly indifferent to the subject of Church Literature and that it will never do for those of the Clergy and Laity who realize that the best Churchman is the intelligent Churchman and that the intelligent Churchman is the one who reads and is thoroughly acquainted with the work and thought of the Church, to relax their efforts or sink down into the comfortable belief that all is well. All will be well on'y when every Church family in every Parish and Mission shall take the Diocesan paper, one or more of the Church Weeklies, and the *Spirit of Missions*, and when our Communicants in every instance be not only diligent readers of God's Word, but also lovers of those books that are truly instructive, tending to "establish, strengthen and settle" in "the faith once delivered to the Saints."

Your Committee have no new suggestions to offer, and in conclusion, they would simply emphasize the statement, that as a Church we have as yet no adequate

appreciation of the importance of the Press in the Christian education of the people entrusted to our care.

Signed,

W. W. TAYLOR,
G. C. V. EASTMAN,
H. P. WOODWARD.

The Rev. E. G. Nock presented and read the Report of the Grand Rapids Convocation.

GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION, ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year there have been two meetings of the Grand Rapids Convocation. At the first meeting held in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, June 4th, in connection with the Annual Diocesan Convention, the Rev. Joseph S. Large was elected President, and the Rev. E. Gaines Nock, Secretary.

The second meeting was held in S. Mark's Church, Newaygo. The Bishop and nine of the Clergy were present. The programme was carried out and Missionary Reports were made. All of the Clergy who attended remained for the closing service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. GAINES NOCK,
Secretary.

Mr. L. D. Follett presented and read the Report of the Committee on the *Church Helper*, and the same was accepted.

Your Committee on the *Church Helper* to which was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as was pertinent thereto, beg leave to call attention to the necessity of a more earnest effort on the part of the Clergy and Laity to increase the circulation and consequent usefulness of this valuable monthly paper; and to that end would recommend that the Clergy of the Diocese, at such time as may be convenient, place this question of an increased circulation of the *Helper* in the hands of some person or persons in their respective parishes, competent and willing to act.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. PRICHARD,
A. COATES,
LYMAN D. FOLLETT.

The Report of the Committee on the Tenure of Church Property was presented and read by the Rev. D. D. Chapin, and the same was adopted.

The Committee on the Tenure of Church Property has little of interest to report. It is noted, however, that there is a general and growing tendency in favor of Diocesan incorporation and tenure, the larger part of the Dioceses having now,

in one form or another, a general corporation for holding in trust various properties belonging to the Church. Along with this is a growing sense of the insecurity of tenure under the present parochial method, and during the year we have noted that several old parishes, particularly in Massachusetts and Vermont, have placed the title to their property in the Diocesan corporation.

The hope is expressed that missions, on becoming parishes, will be content to allow the title of property in use by them to remain in the custody of the Diocese, where it has hitherto been deposited, rather than insist on a change, and claim it as their own possession, and thus, perhaps, put it in jeopardy. As the Legislature meets again the coming year, we suggest that a Committee be appointed to present to the Legislature matters needful to be considered in the way of legislation

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. CHAPIN,
R. E. JONES.
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
J. DAVIDSON BURNS.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman moved that the Committee suggested in the Report be appointed; which motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed as such Committee, the Rev. D. D. Chapin, the Rev. R. E. Jones, the Hon. J. W. Champlin and Mr. J. Davidson Burns.

A re-consideration of the vote by which the appointing of such a Committee was carried, was moved by Mr. W. B. Williams and the motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. L. D. Follett the subject matter was laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee on the Woman's Auxiliary was presented and read by the Rev. Dr. Knapp and the same was accepted, and the Resolution embodied in it adopted.

In view of the fact that much good has been accomplished by the Woman's Auxiliary Society, therefore

Resolved, that this Convention requests each Clergyman to make known the objects contemplated by this society and its working methods, to the ladies of their respective Parishes or Missions, urging them to organize branch Auxiliaries, and thus to aid in the grand and noble work set forth and embodied in the constitution of the Society.

T. J. KNAPP, D. D.,
M. MORRIS,
P. A. VON WELLER,
D. G. ROBINSON.

On motion the Convention took a recess until 7 o'clock.

7 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. J. N. Rippey presented the Report of the Committee on the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and the same was accepted.

Pending a motion to adopt the resolution of the Report, the same was re-committed on motion of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, and the Committee instructed to recommend a gross sum to be assessed on the Parishes, which shall include all the necessary expenses of the Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Tate and Mr. Loveridge were added to the Committee in compliance with a resolution moved by the Rev. Mr. Nock.

Mr. A. W. Veal was admitted to a seat in the Convention as a Delegate from the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

The Missionary Service was said by the Rev. Messrs. Morris and Hayward.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Mr. D. G. Robinson, read his report, which was accepted and referred.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with Diocesan Mission Fund:

	Dr.
Balance in hand.....	\$1,254 18
From Rev. C. C. Tate.....	5 00
" " M. Morris	5 00
" " Joseph B. Prichard	5 00
" " J. N. Rippey.....	10 00
" " A. Wetherbee	1 68
" " R. E. Jones.....	10 00
" " W. W. Taylor.....	10 00
" " Robert H. Paine, Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md	10 00
" Mr. and Mrs J. S. Hiester.....	6 00
" Miss Armstrong, Cincinnati, O	5 00
" Miss Penfield.....	2 00
" J. H. H.....	1 00
" E. G. Rote.....	5 00
" Mrs E. P. Fuller.....	50 00
" C. Wakelee	10 00

" C. G. Swensberg.....	10 00
" Geo. R. Allen.....	5 00
" Mrs. L. Z. Richmond.....	5 00
" Miss Rebecca Richmond	5 00
" W. F. Bulkley	10 00
" Mrs. Anna Townsend	5 00
" Mrs. Heber Crissy	1 00
" Mrs. J. F. Culp	2 00
" Mrs. E. F. Sweet.....	5 00
" E. F. Sweet.....	10 00
" Hon. J. Eastman Johnson	5 00
" Frances F. Hillyer, M. D.....	3 00
" Rev G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.....	1 00
" Trinity, Saranac.....	8 60
" S. Paul's, Grand Rapids	15 00
" All Saints', Saugatuck, \$9.55; S. S., \$5.00 ..	14 55
" S. Paul's, Manistee	16 92
" S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	30 00
" S. Thomas', Battle Creek, \$50.; S. S., \$20.....	70 00
" S. Mark's, Coldwater	60 31
" S. Mark's, Grand Rapids	500 00
" Good Samaritan S. S., Grand Rapids.....	5 00
" Grace, Grand Rapids	40 00
" Good Shepherd S. S., Grand Rapids	50
" S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	200 00
" Grace, Union City.....	5 00
" Grace, Traverse City, \$14.48; S. S., \$5.52	20 00
" Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor, \$10; S. S., \$1.00.....	11 00
" Good Shepherd, Allegan, \$10; S. S., \$10	20 00
" Miss Wilk's S. S. class	10 00
" Emmanuel, Hastings, \$60.; S. S., \$5.00	65 00
" Trinity, Marshall.....	108 00
" S. Paul's, Muskegon, \$30.; S. S., \$10	40 00
" S. Paul's, Greenville.....	24 53
" S. John's, Mt. Pleasant	15 00
" S. John's, Quincy	7 19
" Grace, Holland.....	17 51
" Trinity, Niles.....	26 00
" S. John's, Harbor Springs	36 79
" Charlevoix.....	10 50
" Grace, Ludington.....	5 00
" Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	19 11
" Trinity, Three Rivers	7 78
" S. James', Rockford.....	2 06
" S. Matthew's, Baldwin.....	95
" S. Mark's, Newaygo.....	12 15
" S. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	8 69
" S. John's, Tustin	5 22
" S. Matthias', Eaton Rapids.....	3 47
" S. Paul's, Mendon	3 00
" Kalkaska	10 86
" Alfred G. Drake, Easter Offering, Kalkaska S. S.....	5 00
" S. James', Pentwater	15 56

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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" Manton	1 50
" Luther	2 00
" Stanton	7 93
" S. Paul's, Elk Rapids	10 00
" the Board of Missions, N. Y., through the General Missionary	289 87
" F. A. Gorham, Treasurer. Interest on Permanent Missionary Fund	182 78

\$3,428 72

CONTRA.

1885.	Cr.
Paid Rev'd C. C. Tate, expense account per order	\$6 50
" " " 4 services at Harbor Springs	50 00
" " " expense account per order	5 00
" Rt. Rev'd G. D. Gillespie, D. D., expense of service at Harbor Springs	3 50
" Mrs. Hadley, Secretary Woman's Auxilliary, expense, &c., per order	15 00
" Rev'd Wm. Elmer for services at Harbor Springs	25 00
" " J. A. McGlone expense account per order	5 00
" " " stipend	150 00
" " J. B. Prichard "	200 00
" " W. S. Hayward "	300 00
" " A. Wetherbee "	150 00
" " B. A. Brown "	200 00
" " D. D. Chapin "	150 00
" " G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., stipend	182 50
" " M. Morris stipend	50 00
" " J. W. Bancroft, services rendered on <i>Church Helper</i>	50 00
" " J. W. Bancroft, General Missionary	1,000 00
Transferred to Book and Tract account	50 00
Transferred to Deaf-Mute Fund	15 34
Paid Rev'd J. W. Bancroft express on parcel sent to Rev'd C. C. Tate	45
" Dennis & Slingerland for printing as per bills rendered	14 25
" Rev'd Dr. Eastman from int. on Mrs. Curtis' bequest to aid in building church at Benton Harbor	50 00
Paid Rev'd G. W. S. Ayres, Missionary Services	79 34
" D. G. Robinson, Treasurer, his expense account	4 29
May 26, 1886, cash in hand	692 55

\$3,428 72

LIST OF UNPAID PLEDGES.

May 26, 1886.

Date when made.

1875. Rev'd S. H. Woodford	\$5 00
1876. S. Paul's, Greenville.	9 31
1881. Courtland Center ..	5 00
1881. Grace, Lyons	1 00
1882. South Haven	5 00
1883. L. W. Bean	5 00
1882. H. D. Pessell	10 00
1882, 3, 4. Good Shepherd, Allegan	93 00

1882, 3, 4.	Trinity, Niles.....	58 02
1882, 3, 4.	All Saints', Saugatuck.....	17 09
1883.	S. John's, Grand Haven.....	30 00
883, 4, 5.	S. John's, Quincy.....	15 73
1883, 1885.	Good Shepherd S. S., Grand Rapids.....	34 50
1883.	Thomas Pierce.....	5 00
1884.	Christ, Homer.....	5 00
1884.	Trinity, Marshall.....	15 10
1884.	Grace, Traverse City.....	10 00
1884.	S. Matthew's, Baldwin....	2 44
1884.	Mendon.....	10 00
1884.	S. James', Rockford.....	2 06
1884.	Calvary Mission, Howard City.....	81
1885.	S. John's, Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00
1885.	H. C. or N. C. (Rev'd H. J. Cook).....	2 00
1885.	Mrs. G. T. Clark.....	5 00
1883, 4, 5.	S. John's, Ionia.....	70 53
1883.	Grace, Grand Rapids....	55 00
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		\$476 59

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with Fund for Candidates for Holy Orders:

May 25, 1886.

To amount still due Bishop's Trust Fund..... \$40 15

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with Deaf-Mute Fund:

June 3, 1885.

Cash balance in hand	Dr.	\$42 73
Received from S. Paul's, Manistee.....		1 03
" " Mrs. E. E. Gorham.....		25
" " S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....		12 15
" " Good Shepherd, Allegan.....		2 00
" " S. Paul's, Muskegon.....		1 50
" " Diocesan Mission Fund		15 34
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		\$75 00

CONTRA.

May 25, 1886.

Paid stipend to Rev. A. W. Manly, General Missionary for Deaf-Mutes ..	Cr.	\$75 00
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D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with Book and Tract Fund:

June 3, 1885.

Cash balance in hand	Dr.	\$3 36
From Diocesan Mission Fund....		50 00
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		\$53 36

CONTRA.

Sept. 14, 1885.	Cr.
Paid T. Whittaker, Mission Services.....	\$1 25
" James Pott & Co., for books, tracts, etc., furnished General Missionary	3 45
Paid Young Churchman Co., tracts, etc., furnished General Missionary..	1 35
Paid T. Whittaker, Mission Services for Newaygo, per General Missionary.....	2 50
Paid T. Whittaker, for Christmas Cards, furnished Miss Scott, Adrian..	2 00
Paid James Pott & Co., bill for Bishop Gillespie, Feb. 25.....	2 40
Paid Dennis & Slingerland, 500 1-16 sheets, blank bills, General Missionary.....	1 50
Paid Bishop's order to Rev. T. S. Knapp.....	5 00
Paid Bishop's order to General Missionary	2 00
Paid Bishop Gillespie as per account rendered.....	5 50
May 25, 1886, balance on hand.....	26 41
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	\$53 36

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In account with the Bishop's Trust Fund:

June 3, 1885.	Dr.
Cash balance in hand.....	\$201 11
Received Church Transfiguration S. S., Easter Offering, Philadelphia, Pa., per Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D.....	152 70
Willing Hands, Kalamazoo	15 00
Miss Hess, Grand Rapids, to be used as a loan to a needy person.....	10 00
Mrs. J. S. Hiestor	2 00
Geo. A. Jarvis, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	25 00
Rev. W. R. Babcock Newport, R. I.....	20 00
Miss Rebecca L. Richmond, a thank offering.....	25 00
Easter offering, Church Transfiguration S. S., from Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D.....	106 08
Rev. R. H. Paine, Baltimore, Md.....	5 00
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	\$561 89

CONTRA.

	Cr.
Paid Eaton, Lyon & Allen, bill Revised Bibles for the Clergy.....	\$37 50
" Dennis & Slingerland, sundry bills.....	9 21
" Rev. W. S. Hayward, per order.....	15 00
" Expenses Grand Rapids Convocation.....	10 00
" " Kalamazoo Convocation.....	10 00
" " of Clergy at Semi-Annual Convocation at Muskegon....	25 00
" bill of items to Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie.....	5 65
" Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D., Convocation expenses at Allegan...	9 55
" " " bill of items.....	4 75
" James Pott & Co., bill of almanacs.....	5 25
" Fred Miller, bill for work and material in garret of Episcopal Residence for the Registrar.....	14 61
H. S. P. Reeve, Pho. for Adrian.....	1 50

Paid Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, the Miss Hess trust fund.....	10 00
Paid the Bishop's order to Rev. F. A. DeRosset, Secretary, expenses of Clergy attending Convocation at Hastlugs.....	31 58
Paid Rev. J. W. Bancroft for <i>Church Helper</i>	5 00
May 26, 1886, balance on hand	367 29
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	\$561 89

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with New Book Fund:

	Dr.
Rev. W. R. Babcock, Newport, R. I.	\$5 00
Emmanuel S. S., Hastings, Christmas offering to the Bishop.	5 00
Mrs. James L. Reynolds, Lansing.....	5 00
Miss Fannie L. Reynolds, Lansing.....	5 00
Capt. J. L. Fowler, Klamath, Oregon.....	5 00
Mrs. J. S. Hlester, Galesburg.....	5 00
From a lady	5 00
Mrs. G. P. Camman, N. Y.....	10 00
Mrs. Sam'l Radley, Muskegon.....	5 00
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	\$50 00

CONTRA.

	Cr.
Paid for one copy of Reasons for Being a Churchman, per order.....	\$1 10
" Eaton & Lyon's account, per order.....	5 20
" Bishop Gillespie's bill, proceedings Church Congress.....	1 03
May 26, 1886, balance in hand.....	42 67
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	\$50 00

The Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Rev. Colin C. Tate, read the Report of the Board and the same was accepted and referred.

Brethren of the Convention:

The Board of Missions elected by you at the last Convention met the day of adjournment in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and organized by electing the Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary, and Mr. D. G. Robinson, Treasurer, for the conventional year.

We have made appropriations to our Missionaries, to the Mission to Deaf-Mutes, to the Editor of the *Church Helper*, to Mrs. Hadley, Secretary of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, the traveling expenses of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, all of which appears in the report of our Treasurer. We have endeavored to wisely and carefully use to the best advantage the funds committed to our care and to direct, under the counsel of the Bishop, the work the Diocese

has undertaken, only regretting that we are able to do so little in the large field.

Our General Missionary, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, has a long record of faithful services to report to the Bishop. He has visited several new places, revived and encouraged the old and been in many ways an earnest and efficient aid of the Chief Missionary, the Bishop of the Diocese.

A journal of his missionary labors has been published each month in the *Church Helper*.

We record with much pleasure the fact that some material progress has been made. At Benton Harbor a substantial church has been built and furnished, and is in constant use. It has been built by the efforts and under the direction of our earnest missionary at that place, the Rev. Dr. Eastman, who with his experience in building churches, has shown also the energy of a younger man. He has done much to collect the funds and also aided in building with his own hands.

At Mt. Pleasant the Rev. Mr. McGlone has built a convenient and comfortable rectory and also strengthened the Parish by an increase of members. It is one of our most promising new parishes.

At Albion the Rev. B. A. Brown has built a beautiful church, said to be very complete, in place of the one burned. He has been very successful in his work at Albion. He has also held services and given part of his time to Homer. At Homer some improvements have been made in the church.

The Rev. Mr. Prichard has sustained the services at Ludington, where the church building has been much improved. Mr. Prichard has held a service at Scottsville and baptized two children.

The Rev. Mr. Wetherbee has for the past year been stationed at Union City, but after some weeks has notified the Bishop that he intends to seek other work. We have a good building at Union City and we hope it will not be closed. Mr. Wetherbee has held services also in Schoolcraft. He writes to the Bishop: In places like Union City and Schoolcraft not growing, we are obliged to act on the defensive and the Church does well to hold her own.

The Rev. Mr. Morris has rendered efficient services at Saugatuck and kept together the little band of Church people of All Saints' Church. He has been very devoted and self-denying.

The Rev. Mr. Hayward has remained in his large and hard field and done much earnest work. If the work at Manistee is to be continued, there must be a church or chapel built. Mr. Hayward has held services at Filer City and the county jail.

The Secretary of the Board has held two services at Paw Paw and visited all the Church people there. One service was held in the church and one in the house of the Rev. Darius Barker; both well attended. He hopes to make more frequent visits this year.

The Secretary also conducted the services at Harbor Springs during the month of August last. This Church, S. John's, is an important point during the summer, as there are many Church people in the place and vicinity, who need the services of the Church. The Secretary has also visited Dowagiac where we have one or two Church families.

A number of Missions and stations have been visited by the Rectors of parishes at the request of the Bishop and services held, of which the Board has no record; they will appear no doubt in the Parochial Reports of the Clergy.

Some progress has been made in other Parishes receiving aid from the Domestic Board of Missions.

At Big Rapids the Parish has placed a pipe organ in the church for which an addition has been made to the church. Big Rapids has made substantial progress during the past year.

Elk Rapids with its new church and earnest Rector is becoming stronger every day.

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All our Missionaries have made quarterly reports to the Bishop and extracts have from time to time been published in the *Church Helper*.

Our Treasurer has had more than usual anxiety this year in regard to funds with which to meet our obligations, and the Bishop at Easter issued a Pastoral on the subject in which he writes in regard to the Missionary Pledges. The Report of the Treasurer, (Journal '85, pages 34, 35), shows unpaid pledges, balances amounting to \$643 82. For two or three years a large balance has been reported to the Convention. This year will be a noted exception. The Board have voted in stipends all the funds in hand excepting the usual reserve as a working capital, and the whole amount pledged at the Convention last year.

The Missionaries have remained at their posts, consequently the whole sum will be needed.

So much success has attended the plan of employing a General Missionary that the Board has considered the advisability of engaging another General Missionary who could confine his labors to a few of our vacant parishes near together.

This plan will depend largely upon the efforts of those vacant parishes. The must make an effort for themselves. It also depends upon an increase of our Missionary offerings from all. The Bishop in his Pastoral adds, "We have determined to appeal to the Diocese for \$1,800 for the ensuing year. This year we shall have no balance on hand."

The Committee on Apportionment appointed by the Board, issued the following circular and made the following apportionment:

GRAND RAPIDS, May 24, 1886.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Missions to apportion to the Parishes and Missions the amount necessary for missionary purposes in the Diocese for the next conventional year, would respectfully report that they carefully considered the subject, and make the following apportionment:

PARISHES.

Albion, S. James'	\$10 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd	25 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	100 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	40 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's	75 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	25 00
Grand Haven, S. John's	25 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	600 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	15 00
Grand Rapids, Grace	50 00
Hastings, Emmanuel	60 00
Holland, Grace	5 00
Homer, Christ	10 00
Ionla, S. John's	25 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	300 00
Ludington, Grace	5 00
Marshall, Trinity	125 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's	55 00
Niles, Trinity	20 00

Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	5 00
Saranac, Trinity.....	5 00
Saugatuck, All Saints'.....	10 00
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	5 00
Traverse City, Grace.....	20 00
Union City, Grace.....	5 00
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	5 00

MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's.....	\$3 00
Benton Harbor.....	15 00
Charlevoix.....	10 00
Coopersville, Epiphany.....	3 00
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias'.....	5 00
Ewart, S. John's.....	3 00
Grand Rapids, Good Shepherd.....	10 00
Greenville, S. Paul's.....	25 00
Harbor Springs, S. John's.....	10 00
Howard City, Calvary.....	3 00
Kalkaska.....	5 00
Manistee, S. Paul's.....	10 00
Mendon.....	3 00
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's.....	25 00
Newaygo, S. Mark's.....	10 00
Pentwater, S. James'.....	10 00
Quincy, S. John's.....	10 00
Rockford, S. James'.....	5 00
Stanton.....	5 00
Tustin.....	5 00

The following circular was sent to each Parish and Mission in the Diocese:

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., April 9th, 1886.

In compliance with the instructions of the Convention of 1883, and in accord with the method adopted and reported to the Convention of 1884 and 1885, the Board of Missions, at a recent meeting, appointed the undersigned a Committee to apportion to the Parishes and Missions the amount necessary for Missionary purposes in the Diocese for the next Conventional year. The Board also fixed the total sum to be so apportioned at \$1,800.

This amount is larger than that asked for the current year, but it must be remembered that the last apportionment was unusually small, the Board having started the year with a large balance in the treasury. The pledges made at Convention were less than \$1600 and, the Missionaries having remained, nearly every dollar of this amount will have been expended before the Convention, so that the Treasurer will have no balance to carry to next year's account.

The Board also decided that it will be very desirable to have a second General Missionary. A Clergyman is coming to the Diocese whom the Board has every reason to think is qualified for the position, and it hopes that by payments from several Parishes which will then receive stated services, and by a stipend from the Board, his services may be permanently secured.

The Board is expected to extend financial aid at points where churches have, by great exertion, been erected, and also at other places where there are good openings and a desire on the part of the people to work.

Having in view the instructions and wishes of the Board, the Committee has apportioned to the sum of \$.... It asks that the necessary attention may be given to the matter. If your.....will be represented at the Convention by Deputies they should be instructed to, *at least*, confirm this apportionment in open Convention; if no representation is expected, the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. D. G. Robinson, Hastings, Mich., should be notified at once of your action with respect to this matter, that he may answer for you when pledges are taken.

REV. F. C. COOLBAUGH,
D. G. ROBINSON,
F. A. GORHAM,
Committee.

' We include here the Report of the Editor of the *Church Helper*, published by the Board. It has continued another year under the supervision of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

.REPORT.

The income of the *Helper* for the year ending June 1st, 1888, has been \$348.66; of which sum, \$50 was an appropriation by the Board of Missions, \$17 was received from advertisers and \$281.66, from subscribers. Cash in hand, \$88.79. It will be seen that these figures are not materially different from those of last year. Many subscribers take occasion to commend the *Helper* as a useful paper, and some to whom it is sent outside the Diocese express wonder that it is not more generally prized. It might be much improved and made much more acceptable, did its income warrant enlargement. Resort might be had to advertisements, but so many of the advertisements that offer are objectionable in matter, or offered at rates which gives no profit, that one is soon disgusted with the attempt to sustain a Church paper by such means.

J. W. BANCROFT,
Managing Editor.

We are convinced that much more can be done for Missions when our people realize the fact that the life of the Church depends upon the missionary spirit.

May we be enabled to do more than ever this year in our missionary work in this Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. TATE,
Secretary.

Missionary Addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Walton, the Rev. Mr. Bancroft and the Hon. George Willard. After which pledges were made to the Board of Missions as follows:

PARISHES.

Allegan, Good Shepherd, [Sunday School, \$10; Miss Wilkes' class, \$10]...	\$25 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	100 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's, [bible class, \$5].....	45 00

Coldwater, S. Mark's, [Sunday School, \$10].....	60 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	25 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	500 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	10 00
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	50 00
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	10 00
Hastings, Emmanuel, [Sunday School, \$5].....	60 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, [Sunday School, \$10].....	310 00
Ludington, Grace.....	5 00
Marshall, Trinity.....	100 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's, [Sunday School, \$10]..	50 00
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	5 00
Saugatuck, All Saints'....	10 00
Traverse City, Grace.....	20 00
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	5 00

MISSIONS.

Benton Harbor.....	\$10 00
Charlevoix.....	10 00
Kalkaska.....	5 00
Manistee, S. Paul's.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's.....	25 00
Pentwater, S. James'.....	10 00
Rockford, S. James'.....	5 00
Stanton.....	5 00
Tustla.....	5 00

INDIVIDUALS.

Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	\$24 00	Frederick Self.....	5 00
" W. S. Hayward.....	5 00	Mrs. D. G. Robinson.....	5 00
" Wm. Morrall.....	10 00	S. K. Selkirk.....	5 00
" Dr. Eastman.....	5 00	N. P. Loveridge.....	10 00
" D. D. Chapin.....	5 00	Miss D. Chipman.....	1 00
" F. A. DeRosset.....	100 00	Mrs. L. D. Follett.....	5 00
" R. E. Jones.....	10 00	E. F. Sweet.....	10 00
Dr. Hazeltine.....	25 00	An individual of Saugatuck....	5 00
In memoriam, Dr. L. C. Chapin	10 00	P. A. Von Weller.....	5 00
F. A. Gorham.....	10 00	A. W. Veal.....	2 00
Mrs. G. C. Burnham.....	25 00	Miss Penfield.....	2 00
Annie and Madge Burnham....	5 00		

From Parishes, \$1,300; Missions, \$85; Individuals, \$289; total, \$1,764.

N. B.—The Pledges of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are given in brackets and included in the total pledge of each parish.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1886,

9 o'clock A. M.

The Bishop was assisted in the Morning Prayer by the Rev. Messrs. McGlone, Nock and Woodruff.

Roll call was dispensed with by consent.

The Rev. J. Evarts Walton was entered on the roll as present yesterday; and Mr. F. R. Rudd, delegate from Allegan, took his seat which had been occupied by an alternate.

The following gentlemen having been called home by engagements, were excused from further attendance: Messrs. Champlin, Hazeltine, Williams, Pond, Hanu and McCray.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by the Rev. Wm. Morrall.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman moved that the Report be accepted without reading.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft moved as a substitute that it be received to lie on the table till "elections" are reached, and then read, which motion was carried.

Elections being in order, the Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Treasurer, Rev. E. G. Nock and Mr. F. R. Rudd.

The Report of the Committee on the Book Annexed, Resolutions XIII. to XXXIII. inclusive, was presented and read by Rev. J. N. Rippey, and on motion was accepted.

Your Committee appointed to consider Prayer Book Revision from Resolution XIII. *ad finem*, respectfully report:

That after such deliberation as they have been able to give the subject, have concluded that it would be quite unnecessary to enter upon any detailed report.

They find that many of the proposed changes would be acceptable; many are quite immaterial, and others quite objectionable. It is their opinion that the General Convention at its next session in Chicago has the power to adopt such changes, additions, alterations or amendments already made as may meet with approval, and bear the test of the best liturgical criticism, and to reject any part or portion thereof, or postpone any part or section for further consideration.

They would also add that enrichment, elasticity and liberty are essential factors in this work before the General Church, and that the growth and development of the Catholicity and strength of the Church is closely associated with this movement, to adapt the services of our Beloved Zion to the varying needs of her children.

J. N. RIPPEY,
E. GAINES NOCK,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of ballots cast for Treasurer of the Convention is 26, all of which were for Mr. T. P. Sheldon, who is elected.

E. GAINES NOCK,
F. R. RUDD.

The Chair appointed as Tellers for the election of Registrar, Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh and Mr. C. B. Mosher.

The Report of the Committee on Book Annexed as a whole, was presented and read by the Rev. Colin C. Tate, and, on motion, accepted.

Your Committee appointed to consider so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Book Annexed, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, that this Convention does not favor the adoption by the General Convention of the alterations and additions made known to the Diocese in the Book Annexed as a whole.
2. *Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention the General Convention has the power to adopt such alterations as it may deem advisable from those already proposed, and to reject such others as it does not approve; *provided*, those rejected do not bear such relation to those adopted as to be essential thereto.
3. *Resolved*, in view of the fact that Liturgical Worship is becoming an important factor in the promotion of Christian Unity, that in the judgment of this Convention such alterations as are adopted should be in the line of simplicity, rather than of elaboration.
4. *Resolved*, that provision ought to be made for shortened services, and for special and extraordinary occasions.
5. *Resolved*, that the Secretary of this Convention be requested to report these resolutions to the next General Convention.

C. C. TATE,
J. N. RIPPEY,
R. E. JONES,
H. F. SEVERENS,
GEO. WILLARD,
E. F. SWEET.

The Committee appointed by the Bishop to examine the report of the Diocesan Board of Missions and the accounts of its treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found them correct.

J. RICE TAYLOR,
J. A. McGLONE,
LYMAN D. FOLLETT,
O. H. CHIPMAN,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

The Committee on the election of a Minister, etc., not being ready to report, was, on motion, continued with instructions to report to the next Convention.

The Report of the Committee on the Missionary Fund was presented by the Rev. J. W. Bancroft and accepted.

The Committee to which was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as to the subject of a Missionary Enrolment in aid of the work of Domestic and Foreign Missions, respectfully report:

Your Committee is of the opinion that the so-called "Five dollar Enrolment" is a simple and practical scheme for meeting the present, pressing needs of the Church's Mission Work. It may easily be demonstrated that if one-half of the communicants which will this year be reported to the General Convention should subscribe to this Five dollar Fund, more than one million dollars might be realized at once, greatly to the encouragement of the Church's earnest work.

The features of the enrolment plan which naturally commend it to the business men are these:

1. It is a layman's plan; devised by a churchman whose heart was torn when he sat in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Philadelphia, when the General Convention of 1883 was sitting as the Board of Missions; while he listened to the vivid representations and stirring appeals of the Missionary Bishops of the Church, he felt it was the shame of the Church that such appeals should be regularly made every three years and no response come from the heart and hands of Churchmen. He felt that something must be done, and, God helping, he would do what he could.

2. The plan is one which is, and is to be, entirely free from expense to the Church. Every dollar subscribed is actually to be placed on the Altar when the whole amount is passed over by the respective treasurers to the custody of the General Convention.

3. To realize the enrolment scheme, is to have some gratifying evidence of the approach of that day for which the Church has prayed and waited, and waited and prayed. We read, "In the day of thy power shall the people offer Thee free-will offerings"—more literally, "*Thy people shall be willingneses*", or free-will offerings. "In the day of thy power." Free-will offerings of themselves and of their substance furnish the proof that the people of God are ready for the great Day of God to dawn over this benighted earth. Almighty God has been pleased to time His outpourings of grace to the tardy disposition of men. There are yet the hidings of

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of ballots cast for Registrar is 29, all of them for the Rev. F. A. DeRosset, who is elected.

F. C. COOLBAUGH,
C. B. MOSHER.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Standing Committee, the Rev. S. H. Woodford and Mr. Wm. C. Lewis.

Pending a motion by the Rev. E. G. Nock, to adopt the
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Resolved, that our delegates to the General Convention be instructed to urge the indefinite postponement of the whole matter until a generation shall arise possessing the learning, wisdom and other qualifications necessary to the drawing up and effecting this most delicate and most serious and most important amendment.

On motion of Mr. L. D. Follett, the substitute of Mr. Large was laid on the table.

The entire series of resolutions was then adopted severally and collectively.

The Report of the Committee on reports of the Board of Missions was presented by the Rev. J. Rice Taylor and was accepted.

His power because and only because His people are not yet "willingnesses." When they shall offer *themselves*, He will bestow *Himself* on them to supplement their gifts. And so the opportunity is theirs, and the responsibility is theirs.

Your Committee heartily approves the Plan of Enrolment and recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Convention heartily approves the plan of a Missionary Enrolment of all the members of the Church in the United States, with a view of presenting the total amount contributed in this manner to the approaching General Convention to be appropriated by it as shall seem proper; and we hereby pledge ourselves as individuals for the furtherance of this object in our respective parishes.

F. A. DEROSSET,
J. W. BANCROFT,
H. F. SEVERENS,

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of votes cast for members of the Standing Committee is 30: necessary to a choice, 16; the Rev. D. D. Chapin has 28 votes; the Rev. J. N. Rippey, 28; the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, 28; the Rev. C. C. Tate, 24; Mr. H. F. Severens, 28; Mr. W. J. Stuart, 26; Mr. W. R. Shelby, 24; and they are elected.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
WILLIAM C. LEWIS.

The resolution embraced in the report of the Committee on Enrolment was adopted; and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Chapin, the Committee was continued.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School Instruction was presented by the Rev. Mr. Morrall and accepted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's address relating to Sunday School Instruction, recommend that the part of the Bishop's address appertaining to Sunday Schools be printed in the Journal, and that a committee of five, two clergymen and three laymen, be appointed at this Convention, to report at the next Convention, a system of instruction for use in the Sunday Schools of this Diocese.

REV. R. E. JONES,
REV. W. MORRALL,
MR. E. F. SWEET,
MR. C. F. BOCK.

The recommendation made by the Committee was adopted by a rising vote, and the Chair appointed as the proposed committee, the Rev. Messrs. R. E. Jones and Wm. Morrall, and Messrs. E. F. Sweet, Henry Woodward and A. C. Torrey.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of the Board of Missions, Rev. Wm. Morrall and Mr. L. D. Follett.

The Report of the Committee on the proposed amendment to the Articles of Association of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan was presented by Mr. E. F. Sweet and accepted.

Your Special Committee appointed to consider and report to this or the next Convention the proper steps (if any are required) for the purpose of giving the Diocese through the present Association, or otherwise, the power to receive, hold, manage and dispose of parochial property in trust, respectfully report that from the brief examination it has been able to give to the subject, it deems it probable that some legislation will be needed in order to accomplish the result desired, and, inasmuch as the Legislature of this State will meet before the next Convention, your Committee respectfully recommends that the question be submitted to new Committee, which shall be instructed to take such steps and procure such legislation as it may deem advisable.

E. F. SWEET,
H. F. SEVERENS,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

The recommendation of the Committee that a new committee be appointed was adopted, and the Chair appointed as such Committee Hon. H. F. Severens, Mr. E. F. Sweet, and Hon. Geo. Willard.

The Report of the Committee on Memorial for deceased Bishops and the late Dr. L. C. Chapin, was presented by the Rev. J. S. Large and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the deaths of the Bishops of Easton, Florida and Missouri, and also to the death of our beloved and eminent layman, the Hon. Lebeus C. Chapin, M. D., of Kalamazoo, would respectfully beg leave to report:

They deem it right and proper that this Convention should place upon its Journal the expression of its sincere sorrow and grief at the afflicting Providence which has deprived the Church militant of the labors and counsels of these eminent and God-fearing men.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop of Easton, was born in Richmond, Va., Dec. 6, 1823. He graduated at the University of Va. in 1842, and at the Alexandria Seminary in 1846. He was ordained Deacon, July 10, 1846, and Priest, July 12, 1846. He was Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, Ala., from 1847 to 1859. Consecrated Missionary Bishop of Arkansas Oct. 23, 1859. He was elected and translated to the Diocese of Easton in 1869. He died Sept. 17, 1885, in his 62d year. Bishop Lay was a pleasing and able writer, an indefatigable

worker, a sound churchman, and a devoted Christian; and his influence in the House of Bishops, in his Diocese and the Church at large, will long be felt as pleasing evidence of the high esteem in which he was universally held.

The Rt. Rev. John Freeman Young, S. T. D., Bishop of Florida; born in Pitts-
ton, Me., Oct. 30, 1820; graduated at Alexandria in 1845; Ordained Deacon, April
26, 1845; and Priest Jan. 11, 1846. He served for a time as Rector of S. John's
Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and afterwards as Missionary in Texas. Subse-
quently he became an assistant minister in Trinity Parish, New York, from which
position he was called to the Episcopate of Florida. He was consecrated Bishop
of this Diocese July 25, 1867. Died in New York, Nov. 15, 1885, in his 66th year.
His labors in Florida and in the Island of Cuba, will long remain to testify to his
devotedness and zeal in the cause of the Blessed Redeemer.

The Rt. Rev. Charles Franklin Robertson, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop of Missouri;
born in New York, March 2, 1831; graduated at Yale in 1859; ordained Deacon and
Priest in 1862; consecrated Bishop of Missouri, Oct 25, 1868; died at S. Louis, May
1, 1886, aged 51. Called to the oversight of Missouri at the early age of 33; he
exhibited that prudence, zeal and industry in his official duties that soon overcome
all opposition and won him the esteem of all. In his short episcopate he increased
the number of his clergy from 20 to over 60, and the number of communicants in a
still greater proportion. Forceful as a preacher, gentle and considerate as a ruler,
he exemplified at all times the lovely graces and beauties of the true Christian
character. His untimely death has left a vacancy in the Diocese that it will be
hard to fill. While the Church loses his precious work, she may still keep his
precious name.

Hon. Lebeus C. Chapin, M. D., of Kalamazoo. It is with still deeper sorrow and
sadness that we put on record the death of this eminent brother, who was one of us
and had been with the Diocese from its first inception. Mr. Chapin was a native
of the State of New York. He graduated from Yale College in 1852, and a few years
after from the medical department of the same institution. During the war he was a
surgeon in the army. He came to Kalamazoo in 1867, where he continued to reside till
the time of his death. He died very suddenly of heart disease in the house of Mayor
De Yoe, on the 20th day of Nov., 1885. He was a man whom we all loved. His
cheerful presence shed a sunshine of joy over all our gatherings. As a private cit-
izen, he was esteemed and revered by all who knew him. As an officer of the
Church, in the many positions of honor and trust confided to him, he was prompt,
faithful and efficient. Among the foremost Laymen of the Diocese, the Church
will greatly miss his wise and temperate counsels and his active and generous sup-
port. An earnest Churchman, an humble Christian, he has gone to await his
award, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Convention, while putting on record this brief memorial of
the honored departed, cannot repress the prayer that we may ever cherish the
memory of their virtues and strive so to live, that finally with them we may have
our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in God's eternal and
everlasting glory.

J. S. LARGE,
J. B. PRICHARD,
M. S. WOODRUFF,
GEO. WILLARD,
T. P. SHELDON.

The resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of votes cast for members of the Board of Missions is 32; necessary to a choice, 17; Rev. R. E. Jones has 31 votes; Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, 30; Rev. D. D. Chapin, 29; Rev. C. C. Tate and Rev. J. N. Rippey, 27; Mr. D. G. Robinson, 26; Mr. C. B. Mosher, 27; Mr. W. J. Dibble, 26; Mr. E. F. Sweet, 25; Mr. F. A. Gorham, 24; and the same are all elected.

W. MORRALL,
L. D. FOLLETT.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the Election of Deputies to the General Convention Rev. W. W. Taylor and Mr. David Fisher:

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft the communication from the Diocese of Oregon in reference to amendment of Canon 9, Title I. was taken up from the table, and the Rev. Mr. DeRosset moved its adoption.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft moved as a substitute, That, in view of the limited time for discussion, it is inexpedient to take action at this time.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. J. N. Rippey presented amended report of the Committee on the Report of the Association, which, on motion was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan respectfully report:

That they have had said report under consideration and find that the securities and funds mentioned therein, have been duly examined and certified by the Auditing Committee and found correct.

Your Committee to whom was recommitted their Report on Assessment of Parishes respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the amount of 1,250 Dollars be assessed upon the parishes to meet the deficit of the Episcopal Fund and other necessary expenses of the Diocese.

J. N. RIPPEY,
DAVID FISHER,
SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, the communication of the Diocese of Louisiana, asking this Diocese to unite with Louisiana in a Memorial to the General Convention on the subject of Church Unity was taken from the Table. The mover also read a paper on the subject and moved its adoption. After some discussion, the matter, on motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham, was tabled.

The Report of the Convocation of Kalamazoo was presented by the Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

The Kalamazoo Convocation during the past year has held two meetings, the first one was held in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, during the session of the Annual Convention, May 31, 1885. At this meeting the Rev. J. W. Bancroft was elected President, and the Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary and Treasurer.

The second meeting was held in All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, September 22, 23. Present, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. M. Morris, rector, the Reverends Bancroft, Chapin, W. W. Taylor, J. R. Taylor, Dr. Eastman and C. C. Tate.

The meeting was a most interesting one and was greatly enjoyed by all. All the Programme was carried out and the Services well attended. The February meeting was not held, as the Quiet Day appointed by the Bishop at Allegan, was substituted in its place.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. TATE,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. C. B. Mosher,

Resolved, that the next meeting of the Convention be held in S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

On motion of the Rev. F. A. DeRosset,

Resolved, that the part of the Bishop's Address under the head of "Legislation" and advising the examination of the volumes of the Constitutions and Canons of the Dioceses with a view of determining what amendments, if any, may be advisable in our Constitution and Canons, be referred to the Standing Committee.

On motion of the Rev. C. C. Tate,

Resolved, that this Convention desires to congratulate the Rector, vestry and congregation of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, upon the completion and occupancy of this new and

beautiful church; and to express the hope that this parish has entered upon a new era of prosperity and happiness which will be felt throughout the whole diocese.

On motion of Mr. L. D. Follett,

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of the Convention are due, and hereby tendered, to the rector and laymen, but more especially to the ladies, of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, for the Christian, cordial treatment, the abounding hospitality and generous entertainment, with which this Convention has been favored.

On motion of the Rev. F. A. DeRosset,

Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be given to the rector, organist and choir of S. Luke's Church for their spirited and accurate music at this Convention.

On motion of Hon. N. P. Loveridge,

Resolved, that a committee of two clergymen and three laymen be appointed by the Standing Committee to devise and carry into effect a plan for increasing the Episcopal Fund by the amount of \$20,000 with full power to such committee to appoint sub-committees and solicitors, and to take any and all measures they may deem proper to procure such increase, and that such committee report its action to the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. F. A. DeRosset,

Resolved, that the Secretary be authorized to have printed and distributed the usual number of copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. N. Rippey,

WHEREAS, it has become evident from past events that some legislation upon the subject of our judiciary system is needed and that some form of appellate Court is an imperative necessity, be it

Resolved, by the clerical and lay members of the Diocese of Western Michigan, assembled at Kalamazoo, May 27th, 1886, that we urge the importance of this question of an Appellate Court upon the attention of the General Convention, and that our Deputies to the General Convention be instructed to bring the subject before that body.

On motion of Mr. C. B. Mosher,

Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to pay the sum of fifty dollars to the Secretary of the Convention for his services.

On motion of the Rev. W. S. Hayward.

Resolved, that although the way is not open as we would like, yet, we do appreciate the efforts of our sister Diocese of Louisiana in regard to Christian Unity.

On motion of the Rev. S. H. Woodford,

Resolved, that the sum of \$2.50 be paid to each of the pages, and \$5 be paid to the sexton of S. Luke's for services rendered this Convention.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham,

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be extended to the members of the Press for their constant attendance, and for the very complete and correct reports of the proceedings, published in the papers which they represent.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Number of votes cast for Deputies to the General Convention is 32, necessary to a choice, 17; the Rev. D. D. Chapin has 26 votes; the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh, 25; the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, 24; the Rev. C. C. Tate, 20; Hon. H. F. Severens, 19; Mr. D. G. Robinson, 18; and they are elected.

Yet to be elected, two laymen.

W. W. TAYLOR,
DAVID FISHER.

Another ballot was taken to elect two laymen required to complete the deputation of the Diocese, which resulted in "no election."

The Convention took a recess until 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The Convention proceeded with the election of two lay deputies. Rev. J. A. McGlone and Mr. Alfred Coates were appointed Tellers.

The Rev. Mr. Woodruff and the Hon. Geo. Woodruff, of Big Rapids, were excused from further attendance.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Number of votes cast for deputies to General Convention, 23, necessary to a choice, 12; Mr. E. F. Uhl has 22 votes; Hon. W. B. Williams, 12; and they are elected.

The Rev. Mr. Morrall finished the reading of the Report of the Committee on Christian Education.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The practical aim of the Church in all ages has been, that her members should be properly instructed in the elements of the Christian faith: hence, catechetical schools, ordained and consecrated teachers, chaplains and instructors for all classes, from the peasant to the king; hence, also, at the present time, Sunday schools and parish schools, grammar schools, colleges and universities under the direct supervision of the Church.

To bring the young up to a realization of what constitutes true manhood and true womanhood, is the aim of the Church of God.

How to live, think and act, and I would emphasize the second as very necessary to this age to *think* as becomes responsible and accountable creatures, to *reason* and *conclude* as human beings ought, who shall have to give account for that noble gift and privilege to an Almighty and all gracious Heavenly Father.

A true consideration of the question; What from, what am I here for, what is my destiny, who has given me these gifts and pleasures which I enjoy, what is my responsibility, whither tending? To consider the weightier matters of our being, to bring men, and especially the young, to consider these questions under the light of Christian revelation, is one of the special missions of the Church in all lands.

The priest of God is painfully aware that there must be a mode of instructing the young, apart from the pulpit, and in addition to the Sunday School.

The age is a reading age, a writing age, an age of books, and the productions which are read by the young, are not mostly, or even in a large minority of cases, those of high Christian tone; nor are parents and guardians careful as Christians should be about what children read.

God's priest is everywhere shocked and saddened by the ignorance of Christian children in the principles of God's law, knowledge of Scriptures, fundamentals of Christian faith.

The half truths of the day, the advocates of lightness and laxity in liberal education, the excessive demands in competition and strife for success, the aim to make institutions popular, thus tending to the superficial, flippant and showy, rather than depth and thoroughness, which prevails to an alarming extent in the public institutions of our country, complaints of which come from every town in the land; tell us that education is fast becoming, if it is not already come to be, as the business of the land is, a developer of one sided and narrow minded members of society.

We meet the youth at college, a natural poet or philosopher, historian or linguist, but all the talent is buried and smothered afterward by the overmastering attractions of business and mercantile life; and whether men see it or not, much of this is owing to the fact, that the principal aim in education is thought to be for success in life, rather than to make true and noble and honored men and women. Religion is natural to the human heart, but of all religions that have been presented for acceptance, the *Christian* is the only one that answers to what man is conscious true religion should be. And that men should know wherein the superiority lies, it is necessary now as in its early ages that men should have an intelligent knowledge of the Gospel of Christ, and the history of His body, the Church.

The first mode of instruction in importance is from the pulpit.

When the child is baptized, we are exhorted as guardians and sponsors to take care that the child may be instructed in the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten commandments and that he may know these things the better he must be called upon to hear sermons.

The next is the preparation in a class, or in private, for the rite of laying on of hands. The duty of every rector and of those under him set apart for the purpose, is to see that those presented to the Bishop for confirmation, be persons who have had right, proper and thorough instruction in the Christian faith; that they may not only know what step they are taking—a preparation of the heart, a prayerful recognition of the fact that God has promised a gift of the Spirit to those who have the Bishop's hands laid on them in the sacred rite—but an intelligent insight into the scriptural reasons for the same, its continuance in the Church of God through all ages to the present, that they may be kept from thinking that it is a Christian fashion or religious formalism. But the question of Christian education *now* is, how are we to get hold of persons, young and old, to give proper and intelligent Christian instruction.

This is a great age of itching ears; the cry is for a popular preacher, which means one who pleases the people, which means one who preaches the religion of the day, which means one who makes religion smooth and easy. They do not want to be made to feel, as a king said to a noted French divine, "When I listen to others I am pleased with them, when I listen to you I am displeased with myself."

Let me give you a description of the religion of the day in the words of another: "What is the world's religion now, for you must remember that the world is an instrument through which Satan works.

The world has chosen the brighter side of the Gospel, its tidings of comfort, its precepts of love; all darker, deeper views of man's condition and prospects being comparatively forgotten. This is the religion natural to a civilized age; and well has Satan dressed and completed it into an idol of the truth. As the reason is cultivated, tastes formed, affections and sentiments refined, a general decency and grace will of course spread over the face of society, quite independent of the influence of revelation. Our manners are courteous, we avoid giving pain or offense, our relative duties are carefully performed, our sense of propriety shows itself even in our domestic arrangements, and so also in our religious profession. Vice is unseemly, hideous, out of taste; thus elegance is gradually made the test of virtue, which is no longer thought to possess intrinsic claims on our hearts, or to exist, farther than it leads to the quiet and comfort of others. Religion is pleasant and easy, benevolence is the chief virtue, intolerance, bigotry, excess of zeal are the first of sins; religion is dull to a scientific discoverer, hence excitements are eagerly sought out and rewarded, new objects in religion, new systems, new plans, new doctrines, new preachers are necessary to satisfy that craving which the so-called spread of knowledge has created, as if mere change in itself were relief.

Now if you put Christianity for a moment out of your thoughts, you can see that what I have described is just that state to which men might be brought by the mere influence of education and civilization; and again you can see that this refinement of mind is nothing more nor less than what the world, outside the body of the faithful, calls religion at this day. In other words, satan has so composed and dressed out what is the mere natural produce of the human heart under certain circumstances as to make it the counterfeit of the truth."

What a true picture of the world's religion, and that, too, among large numbers of professing Christians. Learning is not wanting, culture is not wanting, civilization is not wanting, refinement is not wanting, benevolence, courteousness, correctness in conduct, delicacy, are not wanting, seriousness is; and all for want of true Christian education which would teach in combination with the above, fear of God, zeal for his honor, deep hatred of sin, godly sorrow at the sight of sinners, indignation at blasphemy, jealous adherence to doctrinal truth, loyalty to the Church which Christ established for the salvation of human souls.

With all our boasted free schools and liberal education, we are not training up a Christian generation.

Never, since the time of the early apologists, has there been greater need to gain the developing mind of the young.

The world is full of intellectual giants, some teaching half truth and some denying it all. And we all know that half truths are sometimes the most grievous of errors, and we all know that the infidel, skeptic, and rationalist, each has freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and all of them large numbers of adherents and great following.

The Church's power, conferred upon her by her divine Lord, has become so ineffective over godless members, that misbelievers and unbelievers can freely circulate their doctrines and opinions, till we find it the boast of men in the ranks of God's Ministry, who have sworn allegiance to God's altar, that they are leaving the old paths and treading paths of their own making. All this is to be largely corrected by true Christian education.

From the times of the general councils, to the reformation period, the intellectual world meant scarcely anything else than the Church of Christ, and that, too, mostly its ordained; but it is not so now, and I thank God that there are hosts of laymen as highly educated as the Clergy; and yet we cannot but see that it is this general diffusion of knowledge through all classes, that has brought the force that is arrayed against the Church of God today. And this force comes because it has not been properly cared for in the past, and is not properly guided; and it is to be chiefly, and I might say solely, brought to work for the praise of God and the spread of His honor and glory by the proper training of the young to meet the needs of the hour and time. The pulpit is but part of the instruction; the confirmation classes are but part; the Sunday School is but part; there is another, which is generally neglected, namely: an education that will grow with the body and the mind; an education that is daily, while the youth is growing up and developing into manhood and womanhood; an education that will be as sure, gradual, permanent and unperceived as the four fundamentals, geography, grammar, arithmetic, reading and spelling. Not an hour, or two, or even on Sunday, in Sunday School and Church, or a two or three months in the preparation for confirmation, but from the lisping time to the age of independence.

We must resolve our subject into these two general heads:

Christian childhood cared for as it ought to be by Christian parents.

Christian childhood cared for, nurtured and protected by the loving arms of the Holy Catholic Church.

Now Christian childhood, like our Lord, should grow up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

We all know that we were born in sin, that Christ took upon him our nature, that he might give us a second birth. As there is a natural life, so there is a spiritual life, and we begin the spiritual life in baptism. We all know further that it was never intended that so many souls for whom Christ died should perish; that the Christian Church and the means of grace therein were intended to be real powers for the salvation of men; that if they were rightly, faithfully used, they would foil all the devices of sinners, and all the wiles of the prince of the power of the air: that if the world runs headlong into death and hell, it is because the Church of God does not put forth its awful powers and blessed forces and assert its majestic commission to bind and to loose. In short, that if its sacraments and its system of training were allowed their full scope and work, not one child in a thousand could fail to grow up into the perfect fullness, measure and stature of the man in Christ Jesus.

But how different the scene presented to us, what a contrast we see in and around us in the world.

"How many of your young men are faithful Christian men; how many are communicants of the Church; how many of them are there who are not actually living in mortal sin; how many of them are what the young man ought to be, pure, strong, brave, active, true, honest, gentle, loving? Where is he whose is to be the support of the widowed mother, the stay of the father's declining years, the example and guide of younger children; where is the burning zeal, the heroic devotion, the great acts done for Christ and His Church, which young men owe and give—if they are what they ought to be—to that dear Lord who died for them?"

To remedy this, and to help in proper Christian education, I must first appeal to Christian parents. If they will they can help their sons grow up true and brave, help them in the struggle of life against sin, temptation, the allurements of satan, the world and the flesh.

First, do not put off the baptism of a child; Christian education supposes this to be done as soon as possible. The supernatural life cannot be developed till the seed is planted. After this comes the training of the child as a member of Christ and a child of God. Without this life implanted, the child cannot be trained into the fullness of the stature in Christ Jesus. How often do we meet with the melancholy fact that baptism has been postponed for weeks, months and even years. Yet the Prayer Book exhorts people that they defer not baptism longer than the first or second Sunday after their birth.

Original sin is too dreadful a malady to be tampered with.

"The Christian parent will risk a cold or colic, he will not tarry for a favorite clergyman or an absent grandmother. He will not rest, he cannot stay until the child of his love has been taken into his Saviour's arms, has been washed in his Saviour's blood, has been signed with his Saviour's cross, and been made forevermore an heir of his Saviour's Kingdom."

A step further, the child is baptized, the seed is planted; then it comes under the mighty moulding influences God has provided, the loving care of father and mother, the instruction of sponsors, the guidance of God's minister, the mighty power of the Word read and preached, the blessing of the law of obedience, and the sheltering wings of constant prayer in private, in family, in Church. Neglect any of these and the implanted life is endangered; and here comes in a sad experience which meets every clergyman in his work—the great neglect of the Christian father.

Mothers, so far as shopping, and dress, and visiting and gossip and multiplied opportunities of amusement will permit, still realize their responsibilities; thank God, the last natural gift which is lost is a mother's love.

But fathers—they toil and work and speculate, and make money, they are engrossed in business, politics and trade; they have no time left for home duties, and the minute and tender care which children require. They seem to realize that they must be fed, clothed, comfortably or luxuriously sheltered, educated, taught how to make money, or how to keep it. Perchance, too, the father feels that he must have some care for their morals, because sound morality is more or less necessary to material prosperity. "But that he is the house-band which is what husband means", the guide, the counsellor, the head, the director, nay, the priest of the family, this he does not seem to comprehend.

How often is the religious care and discipline of the home left to the mother; how often is she told in action if not in words, "If I provide food and raiment she must do the rest;" and in this way we see the whole responsibility of the children is thrown upon the shoulders of the one least able to bear it. As well might you expect plants to grow up by moonlight alone, with no rays of the fostering sun to cherish them, as for youth to grow to strong, manly proportions without the care which the Christian father alone can give.

Then again, the youth must have not only care and good advice, but good example. It is of no use for a father to advise a son not to swear and then swear himself; it is of no use to advise a son to go to Church and to stay at home himself. Advice without example may work for a time, but one of two things must result, he either must give up his faith in his father or else he must follow his father's example, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred he will do the latter. "Like father like son" is an ever true proverb.

Then there are those duties which apply to father and mother alike, the blessed influences of family religion, which used to be so common, family prayers, morning and evening, going to Church twice on Sunday as a family, attendance on weekday services where it was possible, the Sunday catechising, not delegated to irresponsible Sunday School teachers, but done by father and mother in person.

Then there are those words in the baptismal and confirmation offices: the child is to be brought to the Bishop.

The care begins after baptism, and the preparation goes on with a view always to bringing the child to confirmation.

It is not for the children to choose about the right and fitness of the thing, but for the parents and sponsors to get the child ready with a view to it, and bring them; brought indeed in repentance and faith, brought humbly, dutifully and prayerfully, brought worthily, but still brought. What reasoning and talking and moral suasion we sometimes see used, until one begins to fear that Honor thy father and thy mother, and Children, obey your parents in the Lord, have been changed into Parents, honor your children, and Fathers and mothers, obey your offspring.

Those who have the care of youths know that this Christian education is not given at home but in rare cases.

It was this thought which caused the origin and marvelous growth of Sunday Schools. This in combination with the neglect of the clergy to assemble the youth of the parish at certain stated times to teach them in the catechism, Church history, doctrine and discipline. But this institution, good as it is, is very far from meeting a deplorable want, felt through the length and breadth of the Church of God to-day.

There are hosts of Christians you do not get to come to Sunday School, seldom to Church, and the only possible way at present to reach them seems to be by making Christian education a part, an essential part, of a youth's physical and intellectual training. I add physical, because we can meet them through the development of the muscles as well as through that of the brain.

Parochial guilds will not meet the necessity, they are too partial and transitory in their training. If in earlier times the youths had chaplains and ordained instructors as daily companions, why not now in a way to meet the needs of the youth of the day?

We cannot have a controlling voice in the public schools, and we cannot rule the gymnasiums, therefore we must have our own schools and gymnasiums. You tell me we have Church schools and colleges; true, but they are of a kind and nature that do not meet the needs above stated. They do not reach every diocese, much less every parish, and we need something which is going to have a foothold co-extensive and co-existent with the life and growth of the Church itself; wherever she is there should be not weekly or even semi-weekly, but daily Christian education or training of the young in the knowledge of the Lord.

I would have in every parish a school, as part of the parish organization, with the proper ordained instructor—say the deacon of the primitive model. The grading the same all over the diocese. The graduates to enter a Church college either within or without the diocese. The Bishop to appoint the examiners, and personally or by proxy to give the certificate. It should be part of the diocesan life or organization. It may seem as visionary as the million dollars that was asked of the General Convention for educational purposes. But will anything but organized system of daily Christian education of some kind, very much farther reaching than anything we have today, keep our young men from neglecting the Ministry even more than they do now, and save those dear souls from destruction in the mighty wave of rationalism and skepticism of the hour?

I will close with the words of another:

"There is nothing in this fair earth, nothing amid all the costly jewels of the Bride of Christ, so glorious, so beautiful, aye, so awe-inspiring as a true Christian boy, early baptized, duly trained, sheltered by power, moulded by obedience, pure and manly, of open brow and fearless glance, strengthened by confirmation, forever quickened and renewed by the body and blood of the Lord who died for him. He is a blessing and a comfort, a strength and a support, a lesson and an example to us, Christian fathers, Christian mothers, Christian priests; alas, that they should be so rare." A noted divine, as he was dying, said: "I have always tried to serve God, the Church, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and besides these I have loved, Oh so dearly loved, children and young people." Let us, my brethren of the Clergy, catch, if we may, something of this same priestly spirit; let us lead forth into green pastures and by pleasant waters the gentle lambs of the fold, if so be we may share in their blessedness whose angels do always behold the face of the Father in Heaven.

W. MORRALL,
W. S. HAYWARD,
J. E. WALTON,
J. E. JOHNSON,
DAVID FISHER.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford moved the adoption of the report, which motion was, on motion of Mr. E. F. Sweet, laid on the table.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Provision-

al Deputies to the General Convention, Rev. Mr. McGlone and Mr. Coates.

The Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh moved that 200 copies of the report of the Committee on Christian Education be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. E. F. Sweet moved to amend by changing the number to 300, and inserting "instead of being published in the Journal".

The motion and amendment were withdrawn with the consent of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham,

Resolved, that the time of meeting of the next annual Convention be Tuesday, June 7th, 1887, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of votes cast for Alternate Deputies to the General Convention is 26; necessary to a choice, 14; the Rev. J. N. Rippey has 23 votes; Rev. Wm. Morrall, 19; Rev. J. S. Large, 15; Rev. R. E. Jones, 14; Mr. E. F. Sweet, 23; Mr. F. A. Gorham, 22; Hon. Geo. Willard, 16; Mr. C. B. Mosher, 15; and they are elected.

JAS. A. MCGLONE,
A. COATES.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Large,

Resolved, that after the reading of the minutes, the usual address from the Chair and the customary devotions, the Convention do adjourn *sine die*.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman was called to the Chair, while the minutes were read and accepted.

The Convention rose and sang the *Gloria in Excelsis*, listened to the parting words of the Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, the closing prayers were offered and the Twelfth Annual Convention adjourned without date.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
President.

Attest:

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary.

FREDERICK A. GORHAM,
Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop's Address.

Dear Brethren, the Clergymen and laymen composing this 12th Convention of the Diocese:

It is the disclaimer of parochial independence, that we should annually meet in Convention. Every band of Churchmen united in the simple yet real bond of the Mission, or the formal legal being of the Parish, is known and heard here by its representative, or at least its report. That must be a singular liking for isolation, not of the Church, that Mission or Parish can be indifferent to the summons. And that must be a selfishness to put person or people outside all loyalty to Christianity, that would relinquish the fellowship, rather than meet its pecuniary demand. Parish or Mission whose chief thought of the Diocese is, that its hand is seeking their treasury, is too narrow minded for well being in itself, certainly for direction and furtherance from Heaven. The Churchly feeling is not that of Parochialism—I use the word rather than Congregationalism, because while this implies no organic unity, it admits and practically has, a very sympathetic bond which makes the will and wish of its councils next to law. We have endeavored ever since we were born a Diocese, to cultivate the “household of faith.” The Convention has laid no heavy burdens upon the bands of Church folk. The action has been “nursing care and protection.” That is a very strange feeling, that the Convention is something outside the Parish, against which it must defend itself. How could the Convention exist, except as there are Parishes and Missions to create and sustain it? What are its elements, if

not the ministers and members of the Parishes of the Diocese? And what should be its spirit, if not the common earnestness and effort, to "lengthen the cord and strengthen the stakes" of our Diocese.

THE LATE LEBEUS C. CHAPIN, M. D.

To refer to the formation of the Diocese, is to recall one who has never but once been absent from our gathering. Dr. Lebeus C. Chapin was among the most active of those who took the lead in the advocacy of division, and in laying the foundations of Diocesan being. Our Canon law is especially indebted to his intelligence and judgment. These valuable qualities were ever known in the Convention, on the Standing Committee, in the Association of the Diocese, and entitled him to represent us in every General Convention. A mind so strong and a heart so warm, are no slight loss to a Diocese like ours. I prized his personal friendship. I have lost a friend in council, the best, because I knew he would not agree in any conviction that was not his own. In this holy house to which he had "set his affection," the last summons met him, and so its first consecration, for "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

THE DECEASE OF THREE BISHOPS.

Three names, the sixty-ninth, eighty-fifth, and eighty-ninth, on the list, have been taken from our living Episcopate.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of Easton, entered into rest September 17, 1885. The Rt. Rev. John Freeman Young, S. T. D., Bishop of Florida, November 15, 1885. The Rt. Rev. Charles Franklin Robertson, D. D., Bishop of Missouri, April 30, 1886.

Bishop Lay has long been prominent in the American Church. It was the prominence, not of official position, for Easton is small and of no reputation by figures, but of the great mind and heart. A mind richly stored gave forth of its treasures in dogmatic teaching, in adjusting controversy in the schools, and complications in the Convention, and in thoughts, sweet as the voice that spake them, for the "quiet corner," of a Parish Church or the believer's heart. It is a rare and beautiful combination—words wise winning, "all like apples of gold in pictures of silver." His memory will ever be associated with the Lectionary, that so comfortably

helps our hearing of God's word, with the work of Liturgical Enrichment with its intrinsic value whatever its destiny, in that work so admirably done, the "Canon of the Godly discipline of the Laity," strange that the Church has not seen it so; and indeed in every important measure in the Conventions of a quarter of a century. In the expression of his last hours, perhaps of his last breath, "I love everybody, Yes, everybody," he told his life of three score years and three, and left the Church the legacy she should hold most precious.

Bishop Young had his Episcopate of eighteen years in a distant territory, where the call for the laborers had to wait long for the response. He made his diocesan record in untiring labors. He was known to the general Church as a scholar of note in Liturgics, as skilled in the service of song for the Sanctuary, and as the valuable secretary of the Russo-Greek Committee. Of late a most important work in Cuba had developed under his hand. And in the prostration of his fatal illness, he finished his work, pleading that the isle of the sea might be taken under the protection of the Missionary Board.

Bishop Robertson had the same period of service. To his Diocese, he was the untiring, judicious, Pastor—no interest escaped his watchfulness, no fear controlled his well weighed convictions. To the Church at large, he was the wise counsellor, whether in his place in the House of Bishops, or on the Board of management and trusteeship. He was one of my consecrators, and serving on the Boards of Racine and Nashotah, and having a common interest in penal and pauper matters, our relations were intimate and most profitable and pleasant to me. He seemed to me a very whole and true man, a devout man, a Churchman loyal and loving. The removal of such a man at the time of life, when experience and vigor of mind and body meet together, and when he was taking his place among those whom the Church looks up to, is indeed, a providence that summons our faith. "Verily thou are a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel the Saviour."

CONFIRMATION.

The first mention in our home record is the persons confirmed. The number of Confirmants in 21 Parishes, 6 Missions and other 2 places is 185.

That the number is so small, fewer than I have generally

reported is owing partly to the vacancy of leading parishes.

Even with this statement of fewness, I must add a word of kindly warning as to too early admission to the rite. I quote with approval the language of an English writer, "If children be brought to confirmation too early * * it will probably be regarded by them as a thing their parents are responsible for, which they acquiesce in as a matter of course; one of the many things which they have been glad, all through their childhood, to leave to their parents' judgment and discretion. When they are two or three years older, it will have become a thing of the past, grouping with many other events of their childhood for which they now feel hardly responsible—a thing to be 'put away' with other childish things."* The nature of the transaction, and Confirmation being that "the person may be admitted to the Holy Communion", there must be a mind and will of sincere service of God, and a heart that has known the sorrow of sin, and the faith and love of Christ Jesus. Attendance upon a class for instruction will not be sufficient to attest, "fit to be presented to the Bishop to be confirmed." This will require by some mode of scrutiny, to ascertain "what manner of spirit" the candidate is of, whatever the age and sacred environment. The "years of discretion" will vary with disposition and education, but let them be reached by the standard of the "solemn vow and profession," and let "being regenerate and received into the congregation of Christ's flock" suffice for years when there is only "speech, and understanding, and thought" as literally a child.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

The discharge of our stewardship, rather God giving us more "than either we desire or deserve," enables us to tell of what has been accomplished during the year. S. James', Albion, exists in the dignity and comfort of the Parish Church.

The steadfast choir at Allegan is rewarded with a valuable organ.

Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor, has gladly entered its Chapel, a witness of an aged Pastor's energy, and his people's brave following.

S. Andrew's, Big Rapids, has enriched the service of song, with a pipe organ, for which an addition has been made to

*Confirmation, John P. Norris, B. D., pp. 80, 81.

the Church. S. Mark's, Coldwater, in the grief of losing its admirable Rector, has the comfort that its debt is lifted. S. John's, Grand Haven, has met some of its floating indebtedness, and rejoices in recovered strength. Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, has for the first time constant service with its own Pastor. Homer has improved its venerable edifice, and shows some youthful energy. S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, invites us to look round on its beautiful edifice, with its admirable appointments of Chapel and Guild House, and so comes to the front with easy competency of living, and ability to "disperse abroad." Grace, Ludington, adds to its comeliness. S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, has the second best Rectory in the diocese." S. Paul's, Muskegon, owes to its ladies, great improvement on the interior of its edifice, and led by its Rector. "not slothful in business," has paid \$600 on its debt. S. James' Mission, Pentwater, with lay services has seen its mortgage cancelled.

Then we have some churchly life developed at Stanton, Luther, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, West Muskegon. And the Confirmation classes have been large in several Parishes.

THE VACANCY AND SUPPLY OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

S. Mark's, Coldwater, parted with its Rector in September, and S. John's Mission, Quincy, has shared in the long vacancy. The active and generous Rector of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, withdrew in January, and the Parish continues in charge of the Assistant. Emmanuel, Hastings, yielded its only but long-keeping-his-faithful-watch Rector, to our asking in July, and in March delivered the pastoral staff into new hands. S. John's, Grand Haven, began to be vacant in October, and was under priestly charge at Christmas. Grace, Union City, is again in the condition in which it has spent so much of its later life. The Parishes at Paw Paw, Three Rivers, Holland, Whitehall, the Missions at Greenville, Harbor Springs, Newaygo, Pentwater, Rockford, Tustin, are vacant, and yet not vacant in the full sense of that gloomy expression. The frequent visits of the General Missionary, and the services on week days of neighboring Rectors, have given them the privilege of worship and even pastoral care. There have been baptisms in nearly all of them, and confirmation in two.

MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE.

A good feature of our Missionary work has been, fewer changes of the laborers than common. The General Missionary has been able to visit the people, and take more pastoral supervision. Several of the Clergy have kindly visited points near their Parishes at stated times, and more of this work had been done, had there been the disposition to "prepare the lodging," and to welcome the Heralds of the Gospel.

The Board of Missions on mature deliberation concur with me, that the true expansion of the work, and the best use of our funds, will be, to group four or five points for a Monthly Sunday service, each paying a part of the salary, the Board meeting the balance. This will be the nearest approach to a settled Ministry we can make it, and it will leave the General Missionary more at liberty for places where an interest must be worked up. Indeed for some years this limited itineracy must be the mode of our advance. The size of the towns, and the Church strength, will not admit of Parish and Rector.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND THE CONVOCATIONS.

The first-named meetings have been at Muskegon and Hastings, with every element of efficiency and pleasure.

The autumn Convocations were at Newaygo and Saugatuck. Our first Quiet Day at Allegan, on which we ventured with no experience, was so refreshing with the words of experience and exhortation, set in order and familiarly spoken, and the fitting prayers, and blessed Holy Communion; that all present concurred that the day should be incorporated in our Diocesan institutions.

THE CHURCH HELPER.

Our diocesan sheet has held its own. A large number of copies have been sent to scattered churchmen, marked as coming from the Bishop, and accompanied by an appeal on the ground of my desire "to have the closest connection with them that our separation will allow." The response, except in a few cases, has been cold silence. I can but think that the Clergy do not appreciate how valuable to them and their work is this monthly visitor to their Parishes. Many things, very important to be known and said, may in this

way reach their people which they would not wish to utter, and all the more weighty because they do not. The Clergy interested and the Agents active, would undoubtedly increase the circulation.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

The table of contributions from September 1, 1884, to September 1, 1885, shows the Diocese contributing to Domestic Missions, \$375.16; Foreign Missions, \$237.71; General Missions, \$192.75; too large a falling off from the previous year. We need the Missionary spirit, and that means, we need Missionary information, and to put it very practically, our Missionary periodicals should have readers, and the Parish should have its Missionary meeting. And yet Missions gauge our personal religion; where there is a person or Parish begging off from helping this good work of the Lord or that, be assured, the root of the matter is not in them; their religion is of that easy sort that brings no real newness of life, no impressive holiness, and that will never bring their souls to Heaven.

THE MISSIONARY ENROLMENT.

I have not heretofore urged our active participation in the effort inaugurated soon after the last General Convention, "to secure one million of dollars, obtaining not more than five dollars from any one person." I will state frankly, that as the suggested distribution, which from its official and continued notice seemed to carry with it authority, excluded from the Missionary field to be benefited, the smaller and feebler Diocese, it seemed to me, that the appeal lay rather to the larger and stronger Dioceses. The statement now made officially, that the Central Committee of organization wish it distinctly understood "that they urge no plan of distribution whatever, the whole will be distributed by the Board of Missions," leaving opportunity for broader survey of object, I feel that we are brought within the lines of obligation. I therefore propose to you to take such measures as may redeem the time and give us the privilege of participation in what is certainly a noble movement.

SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry, receives less than it should in return for its aid to our candidate. The

American Church Building Fund Commission has its Sunday in our schedule of charities, but I fear that it is not greatly enriched thereby. It has become but a Church Loan office, yet it may develope into an actual church builder. The Church Temperance Society makes us mindful to preach on the vile traffic in liquors, and, I trust, to urge upon our people, while they keep their lips pure, to make their influence felt in crushing this demon of drunkenness. I could wish that the popular creed of temperance were not so narrow, that we might act more in the broad field of the community and the State, rather than within the narrow lines of the Church. The Girl's Friendly Society is active, in at least one Parish, and it might have being in every Church. The White Cross movement receives the attention of the pulpit. Its influence is needed as well in the ball room of the elite, as in the darkest corner of the city, to reform the popular newspaper, as to shut up the houses of shame.

The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary had the best annual meeting it has known at Muskegon. The danger in such charities is, drifting into business. I mean losing sight of "in My name," "because ye belong to Christ." We cannot spiritualize making garments, but we can remember for whom this work is done, and as the chief safeguard, the meetings of the parish bands of women, might be with reading matter of a missionary and benevolent cast, and with suitable prayers.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

In the discharge of my duties as a member of the State Board of Corrections and Charities, I have spent a Sunday at the Institution for Educating the Deaf and Dumb, and two Sundays at the Industrial Home for Girls. I have made 11 other visits to State Institutions, have visited Jails 30, and Poor Houses 16 times. Have attended the Conference and Convention of the Board, at Big Rapids, the meeting of the Superintendents of the Poor at Ionia, and the session of the National Prison Association at Detroit, and numerous meetings of the Board. Beyond the State, have visited institutions at Toledo, and on the courteous invitation of the Rector of Trinity Church, preached on penal matters.

The advance that the State should make in her Institutions is, the establishment of an Asylum for imbeciles and idiots, with such instruction as their condition will allow.

When the deaf and dumb and the blind, become for a time the wards of the State, and indigent insane are received under her care; it is not just, that a class more helpless than either, more painful in their homes, and more dangerous to society, should be left without her protection. The coming Legislature will be approached on the subject, and I trust your influence will be exerted. States younger and less populous than our own have been before us in making this needed provision.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

While it is true, that there is no formal recognition of the Sunday School in the Church's training of her youth, practically, the Sunday School is the chief means beyond the family of that training. Hence the importance that we make the institution all it may be. I find a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the modes of instruction. The School has naturally three departments—the unbaptized children, generally not of the Parish, the Candidates for Confirmation, in the sense of having "come to the years of discretion," and the more advanced youth. The institution should be so graded that, commencing with easy catechisms of sacred events and truths, it shall cover full examination of the Catechism, comprehensive instruction of the Holy Scriptures in their authority, intent and method, and such attention to the Prayer Book as will give intelligent acquaintance with its more important parts. This course of instruction may be carried further in adult Bible classes, on Sunday or at other times. The material to carry out this plan is abundant in text books. The School should aim to "teach all things which a Christian" in the Church, "ought to know and believe to his soul's health." The objection to the leaflet plan so known, is, that at best it gives only the "marking, learning and inwardly digesting" of some scattered parts of Holy Writ, and forces upon infant minds, "things hard to be understood," even by intelligence and experience. The division of the School into sections rather than classes, has the advantage that the teaching may be by the best qualified persons of the Parish, rather than by a corps of teachers some of whom bring to their task little to interest and profit. The Sunday School should not be turned into a church service, or into a singing school. It should not be so little ruled as to be a scene of confusion, nor so much as to

have sympathy and soul ruled out of it. It should have the weekly teachers' meeting. It should not be so turned over to lay charge as to appear beneath the Rector's notice.

I am impressed that the Convention should take our Sunday Schools more under its charge, and I suggest the appointment of a Committee, with special reference to drawing up a system of instruction, which might be used tentatively as soon as prepared.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Very special interest attaches to the approaching General Convention. We can only refer to what will at once occur to your minds, the disposition of the "alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer proposed in the General Convention of 1883." The mind of the Church has been plainly expressed through the press, and even in the formal actions of Conventions, that these shall not be accepted as a whole. It would seem scarcely possible, that the Church will be willing to utterly cast aside work that it is universally admitted exhibits severe Liturgical study, a churchly taste, and excellent judgment; and to put on record, that the introduction of the matter was a grand error. Aside from the character of the proposed changes, undoubtedly there is a strong feeling against touching the Prayer Book, and there is the practical difficulty of supplying a large church constituency with a new book. These two factors in the situation, make a vigorous protest that will be heard and felt in both Houses of the Convention.

It would seem to me, that such action might be taken, as would authorize a use of the Book of Common Prayer, that should secure what are generally conceded as the alterations "in the direction of liturgical enrichment and increased flexibility of use."* The term "provisional rubrics" conveys the idea. There is no practical difficulty, even in the Prayer Book in the hands of the youthful and illiterate, any more than in the use of a Selection instead of the Psalter for the day, or the omission of the discretionary part of the Litany. There may seem to be a conflict with the imperative form of the rubric. Yet by practice so common, that it has become authorized, "shall" is softened into "may." And we may

*The Resolutions appointing the Committee, 1880.

well ask, is a Church of large aspirations, and that takes the whole world for its heritage, and proposes to be the Church of the future, to be holden for all time and for all the changes and chances in time, by an imperative that has its force as for edification of the worshippers, and to present them before God in the beauty of holiness. This tenacity of the letter, would scarcely savor of loyalty. when to-day, services are varied from the rubric even to the introduction of advanced ritualism, and the Rectors and their Parishes find themselves under no ban, but have all the rights of loyalty. When so much personal liberty is given, certainly the General Convention having in charge the interests of the Church of the present, may speak with authority.

No difficulty need be felt as to authorizing the use of the prayers proposed, some of them so needed to carry out the first principle of godliness that "in God we live and move and have our being," and, with slight exception so in keeping with the book in which they have asked admission, that already they have forced their way into the Church. It were too absurd to be churchly to say, that the House of Bishops, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, may not venture to do what any Bishop is competent to under the Canon.

We do trust and pray, that when "the Spirit giveth life," in the Church "strengthening her stakes and lengthening her cords," and that when, closing a century that has in it our infancy, our childhood, and goes out in our full stature, we celebrate the good hand of God upon us; it shall not be, in deference to what our fathers have told us, "the letter killeth." We honor their memory when we act on their principle, "what cannot be clearly determined to belong to doctrine, must be referred to Discipline; and therefore by common consent and authority, may be altered, abridged, enlarged, amended or otherwise disposed of as may seem most convenient for the edification of the people."*

We may fear two results should this matter of so much labored thought and examination, holy desire, and fervent prayer, be roughly tabled—the greater lawlessness of the disloyal, and the yielding patience of the loyal. It is the wisdom of the Church that she "keep the happy mean between too much stiffness in refusing and too much easiness in admitting variations in things once advisedly established."*

*Preface to the Prayer Book.

THE ELECTION OF A MINISTER INTO A PARISH.

I introduced in the House of Bishops in the last General Convention the following resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that a Committee of three Bishops, three Presbyters and three Laymen, be appointed, who shall make to this Convention a preliminary report looking to a thorough consideration of the subject of the election of a Minister into a Church or Parish, and its presentation to the General Convention.*

As is apt to be the case of that body of much business and brief session, the matter had only the notice of being referred to a Committee to report to the next Convention.

I can see nothing in our Canon law, to prevent a Diocese adopting any law of settlement in a Parish, that does not entirely take from the Vestry the right of assent, a right that may be exercised by recognizing an appointing power, as well as by selection of the incumbent. "Election" may follow nomination of a Presbyter by the Bishop or Standing Committee, it may be the selection from several names thus presented, it may be a right conceded to the Diocesan authorities on the failure of a Vestry for a specified time to act, or even an unqualified right. The Canons do not really define, how the relation is to be formed between a Minister and Parish. I presume that it is entirely competent for this Convention, to establish a system by which the power of mission shall be exercised rather than the formal election by a Vestry. Some Dioceses have taken a long step toward this by enacting, "If, after the expiration of six months, the Vestry shall fail to call or settle a Rector, the appointment of a Rector to said Parish shall vest in the Bishop."

The evils of our present system, or rather of no system, save as the young man is placed behind the counter, or the girl in the kitchen, are manifest. Bishops find their hands tied as they have neither power nor persuasion. Clergymen are neglected and humiliated, unless they are ambitious and pushing which is far worse, the Parishes are weakened, and the Diocese kept back. I believe that the laity begin to appreciate this, and even those who claim to have the power feel the difficulty of its exercise. Vestries after the weariness and worry of finding and trying, and dismissing, or being refused by, the candidates, admit, this is a wretched way of securing a Pastor for our souls.

*Journal, 1883, pp. 14, 36, 71, 81.

I submit to the consideration of the Convention the appointment of a Committee of laymen, as in any movement towards a more excellent way, the laity must be first persuaded, who shall present us at the next Convention with the result of their study and inquiry.

LEGISLATION.

I am not aware of any needed changes in our Constitution and Canons. The energy of our Registrar has supplied the Diocesan Library with two very valuable volumes, a collection of the Constitutions and Canons of the Dioceses. As we desire to perfect our legislation, it may be well to place them in competent hands to note what amendments may be advisable.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus presented you with a church business document. I know not what other form the Bishop's Address in the Convention can take. In addresses to the Clergy and Pastoral letters, I have endeavored to fulfill in spirit if not in letter, the canonical ruling, "it is deemed proper that every Bishop of this Church shall deliver, at least once in three years, a charge to the Clergy of his Diocese."*

There are other topics upon which I would address you, did I speak out all my anxieties and wishes, but these may find place in our admirable Diocesan Conferences, where they can receive fuller consideration.

We are met under the new provision of our Constitution and Canons. We lose the valuable Temperance meeting of Tuesday evening, and the full and solemn services of Wednesday morning. The change has been made in the interest of a prompt and larger attendance of Lay Delegates, should this not be attained, we shall regret the change.

My Brethren, we meet in a day of serious anxiety, in past weeks and in passing days, are revelations of a spirit of anarchy, of wild passion, swaying the minds of a social element that is everywhere about us. If business trembles in the angry power of its wage workers, the minds of all thinking men and women, look at these things in view of our civilization, our social estate, our government, and our schools. For us, as for them, there should be a Christian thoughtful-

*Canon 15, Sec. x, Title I.

ness. The violence that has made dark the columns of our daily prints, that has associated itself with our cities and towns, is yet around our churches; it is the act of men to whom comes the sacred Sunday, of men who if they have not been preached to from Gospel pulpits, we supposed were imbibing the Christian influences of the land. May God help us to hear the voice that is to the Church, and know what are the things we have done and left undone—"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people be not afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it."?

And now, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, I commend you in all your proceedings to the "anointing Spirit." May He

Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

JOURNAL OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

1885. June 2, 3, 4, Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday. **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, the Convention. Of the Clergy in active work in the Diocese, only two were absent. Twelve Parishes and two Missions were represented by the laity. The change of the Constitution as to time of meeting, some modifications of the Canon of the organization of Missions, were added to the usual routine of business. The very limited attendance of the Churchmen of the city on the sessions, showed a painful ignorance or indifference as to the relations of the Convention to the Church.

June 7, First Sunday after Trinity, the Industrial Home for Girls at **Adrian**.

June 14, Second Sunday after Trinity. **Paw Paw**, S. Mark's, officiated at two services with the Holy Communion, and met the children.

June 21, Third Sunday after Trinity, **Rockford**, S. James' Mission, officiated twice, and catechised the children.

June 27, Saturday, **Kalamazoo**, S. Luke's, conducted funeral services under circumstances of peculiar sadness enlisting the sympathy of the large congregation.

June 28, Fourth Sunday after Trinity, officiated in the same church at two services.

June 29, Monday, was present at **Delafield**, Wis., at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Armitage Dormitory. After, attended the meeting of the Trustees.

June 30, July 1, Tuesday, Wednesday, **Racine College**, attended Trustee meeting, and the Commencement exercises.

July 5, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Niles**, Trinity, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed 4, held a Children's service, and met the Vestry.

July 12, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, **Ypsilanti**, S. Luke's, A. M., delivered at the request of the Parish and family, a Memorial discourse for my neighbor for many years and my esteemed friend, the Rev. John A. Wilson, which has been printed by the Parish. I was glad to offer the tribute to the guileless man and minister.

Evening, was gratified to be present in my loved Parish at **Ann Arbor**, and commend to the congregation our well-remembered Presbyter, the Rev. Samuel Earp, who had on that day entered on his Rectorship. I have been glad to know of his success and the appreciation of the Parish of his work.

July 14, Tuesday, **Grand Rapids**, met with the Trustees of the Association, and the Board of Missions. The annual apportionment of the funds was made. Two responsibilities meet us in this business—to do justice to our missionary laborers, and to use wisely the offerings of the Church. If we violate either, it is not for want of good intention and careful consideration.

July 19, Seventh Sunday after Trinity, **Pentwater**, S. James' Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and addressed the children, and held a conference with the Parish.

July 26, Eighth Sunday after Trinity, **Harbor Springs**, S. John's Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, confirmed 2, and addressed the Sunday School.

August 2, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, **Charlevoix**, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and baptized an infant.

August 3, Monday, baptized an infant in private.

August 9, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, **Kalkaska**, officiated at two services. The little band here has lost by removals, but I am in hopes to fold them in a Mission.

August 12, Wednesday evening, **Grand Rapids**, Good Shepherd, lectured.

August 16, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, **Petoskey**, P. M., officiated in the Presbyterian House of Worship. A number of resorters made the services quite Church like.

After, baptized an adult in private. The town has never furnished us with the nucleus of a Mission.

August 19, Wednesday, **Bellaire**, baptized an infant.

August 23, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, **Traverse City**, Grace, preached twice, addressed the Sunday School, and in the evening confirmed 2.

August 30, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Elk Rapids**, S. Paul's, preached twice, and met the Sunday School. The Rector had recently arrived, and had been welcomed by a people warmly attached to the Church.

These visits were made while I was spending a few weeks in the Northern resorts, enjoying the invigorating air, and receiving many kind attentions from residents and resorters.

September 6, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Rockford**, S. James' Mission, officiated twice, and baptized a child, and spoke to the children.

September 15, 16, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Newaygo**, S. Mark's Mission, the Grand Rapids Convocation. The meeting was heartily welcomed, enlisting the interest of the whole community.

September 20, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Whitehall**, Redeemer, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. This is one of the places we desire to unite under the charge of a second General Missionary for one or two Sundays a month. A chapel at Montague would help this Parish.

September 22, 23, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Saugatuck**, All Saints', the Convocation of Kalamazoo. The Rev. Mr. Morris had well considered all that our comfort and the efficiency of the Convocation required—it was a very pleasant union of recreation and religion.

September 27, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, **Manistee**, S. Paul's Mission, preached twice with the childrens' service and confirmed 1. P. M., preached at **Filer Town**. I wish the hard working, self denying Missionary could see more results of his efforts.

October 2, Thursday, **Grand Haven**, Conference with the Vestry.

October 4, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Coldwater**, S. Mark's, preached twice, and met the Sunday School. The Parish had just become vacant by the removal of the Rector. Mr. Cook has left behind him the evidence of his earnestness and ability in the chapel and church erected, the increased congregation, and the affection of his parishioners and respect

of the community. The Diocese and the Bishop miss his sympathy and his willing spirit.

October 11, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Union City**, Grace, preached twice and confirmed 1.

October 14, Grand Rapids, united in Holy Wedlock John G. Filmore Blake, U. S. A., and Kate Evelyn Aldrich.

October 17-21, Saturday-Wednesday, **Detroit**, the Annual Meeting of the National Prison Association, delivered an Address, and on Sunday listened to the late Bishop of Missouri, a very able discourse on the topics of the Convention.

October 25, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, **Mt. Pleasant**, S. John's Mission, preached twice and confirmed 17.

November 1, Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity and All Saints' Day, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, officiated in the vacant Parish at two services, with the Holy Communion, and confirmed two, also held a Children's Service.

November 8, Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, preached twice, and addressed the Sunday School on Missionary interest.

November 15, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity, **Flint**, Institution for educating the Deaf and Dumb, addressed the interesting band of three hundred children of silence, courteously received by Superintendent Gass. The buildings have been added to, and all put in admirable order. This is really part of the Educational system of the State, as is the school for the blind, and their appointments are accordingly for instruction and care. A. M., held a service at Genesee County Poor House.

November 17-19, Tuesday-Thursday, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. This was one of the very best of our always successful Conferences. The presence and speech of the Rev. S. Earp, the hospitalities of the Guild Room, the presence of the S. Mark's Grand Rapids choir boys, added to excellent papers and hearty discussions.

November 22, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Three Rivers**, Trinity, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion, evening, preached, and confirmed 4. As there had not been an election for several years, and I could find no men interested in the Parish, I appointed three ladies who should take charge of the property, make arrangements for services, and discharge all other duties required for the continued existence of the Parish. The windows have been

again broken so that the church could not be used in the winter.

November 23, Monday, **Kalamazoo**, participated in the funeral solemnities for Lebeus C. Chapin, M. D.

November 29, Advent Sunday, **Battle Creek**, S. Thomas', preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 6.

December 2, 3, Wednesday, Thursday, **Big Rapids**, attended the Annual Conference of County Agents and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities—a meeting of much profit in the presentation of leading topics in the line of reform before the citizens.

December 6, Second Sunday in Advent, **Newaygo**, S. Mark's Mission, officiated morning and evening, with attention to the Sunday School. The chapel is gradually being finished. The Mission has an arrangement with the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh to officiate on a week day every two weeks.

December 13, Third Sunday in Advent, **Quincy**, S. John's Mission, officiated morning and evening with the Holy Communion. The Mission feels the long vacancy of Coldwater. Evening, preached in S. Mark's: **Coldwater**.

December 20, Fourth Sunday in Advent, **Paw Paw**, S. Mark's, officiated at two services with the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Tate has given some week day services.

December 24, Thursday, 25, Christmas Day, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed 2.

December 26, Saturday, S. Stephen's Day, **Muskegon**, the Burial of the Dead, the young son of the Rector had long lingered in hopeless illness, but at length God took him beyond the waves of this troublesome life.

December 27, First Sunday after Christmas, officiated in the same Parish with the Holy Communion as I could not reach my appointment.

1886. January 3, Second Sunday after Christmas, **Stanton**, officiated with the Holy Communion, and confirmed 1. We have the nucleus here of a Mission, and we can say as of many similar cases, if you will do what you can we will help you.

January 6, Epiphany, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, evening, preached.

January 10, First Sunday after Epiphany, **Elk Rapids**, S. Paul's, preached twice, and confirmed 10, addressed the

children. The success here is due very much to the earnest spirit of the people, and the wise energy of the Rector.

January 17, Third Sunday after the Epiphany, **Ann Arbor**. S. Andrew's, preached twice, in the evening, before the Hobart Guild composed of University students.

January 20, Wednesday, **Three Rivers**, united in Holy Wedlock, Jacob M. Millspaugh and Nora Frances Herrick. Administered the Holy Communion to the Rev. V. Spalding.

January 24, Third Sunday after the Epiphany, **Charlevoix**, officiated in houses of worship kindly tendered. I am not insensible to such courtesy, and undoubtedly the larger congregation is secured. Yet the object of the visit is only partially gained, to administer the Holy Communion is to interfere with the Sunday School, the tongue is restrained in speaking of the Church and advising the Church people, there is no opportunity to judge who really prefer the Church and her services. Such offers are accepted to secure a large congregation, to save expenses and trouble, to manage readily the music. Frequently when I have written, that I prefer a Hall or even a private house, I find on arrival that a House of Worship has been secured. I beg that my wishes may be regarded.

January 27, Agricultural College, baptized an infant.

January 31, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, **Traverse City**, Grace, preached twice, and met the Sunday School. The outlook here is not encouraging, removals have thinned the members and more decreased the strength.

February 7, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, **Ludington**, Grace, preached twice with the Holy Communion, an address to the children, and confirmed 1. The Church now needs only pews, and the expense of the improvements has been defrayed. The present edifice is three fold the value of that destroyed by fire.

February 14, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, **Toledo, Ohio**, Trinity, preached in the morning, P. M., addressed a Mission Sunday School, and in the evening preached on Prison Reform, courteously received by the Rector and other Clergy. Baptized the infant of the Rev. Charles T. and Harriet M. Stout.

February 16-18, Tuesday-Thursday, **Ionis**, the Convention of the Superintendents of the Poor. The discussions were valuable, but heard by few of the people of the place.

February 19, Friday evening, S. Mark's, **Grand Rapids**,

lectured, as in several successive weeks aiding the laborious assistant.

February 21, Septuagesima, **Pentwater**, S. James' Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, baptized 2 children, confirmed 4, and met the children. The debt being discharged, the Mission can now secure clerical services for one Sunday in four. The Lay reading has been very successful.

February 23, 24, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Allegan**, Good Shepherd, the Quiet Day.

February 26, Friday, **Reed City**, confirmed in their home with an address, three sisters, prepared by the General Missionary. I have long had my eye on this permanent town, but until we have more churchmen worthy the name, or can send and settle and support a good workman, we cannot build a Mission.

February 28, Sexagesima, **Mt. Pleasant**, S. John's Mission, preached twice, baptized the infant of the Rector, confirmed 1, addressed the children. After the Evening Service, hallowed the new Rectory by an appropriate service. The Parsonage, to use the old name, is convenient, roomy and well finished. A part at least of the \$900 debt should be lifted.

March 3, Wednesday, **Nashotah House**, spent the day listening to the valuable instructions of Bishop Brown in Pastoral Theology, and enjoying the society of the Professors.

March 4, Thursday, Meeting of the Trustees, Diocesan office, **Milwaukee**. The meeting was called to choose a President, but it was deemed wise to delay action until the annual meeting. The decease of Dr. Cole and Dr. Kemper, has not only greatly changed the Nashotah of our long familiarity, but has taken two of the three long standing pillars of the House. Dr. Cole loved and lived for Nashotah, his energy was untiring and his faith never failed even in the darkest days. Prof. Kemper, able in his chair, was one of the truest, most genial of men, his influence and his character were invaluable to the students. With these painful breaks in the Faculty, the pecuniary condition has improved, and it is a question now not of existence, but of enlarged usefulness. Under a wise President, and a faculty and Trustees in harmony, with a policy of loyalty, and recognition of relation and obligation to the whole Church, Nasho-

tah, beautiful for situation, may advance every interest of the Dioceses that naturally look to her, and should sustain her.

March 7, Quinquagesima Sunday, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, preached twice with the Holy Communion in the morning, and in the evening, confirmed 7, having confirmed 1 in private. P. M., preached at a Mission the Rector has established. The improvement in this Parish has been very cheering. The Rector found the finances in utter confusion, but recognizing his duty as to labor in season and out of season, so to work in all lines, and having business capacity, he led his Vestry in adjusting their affairs, and the result is, order and system and payment of a large share of debt.

March 10, Ash Wednesday, **Grand Rapids**, A. M., S. Mark's, preached to a congregation that did not indicate a very earnest Lent, the promise of which has been too well kept.

Evening, **Good Shepherd Chapel**, preached.

March 14, First Sunday in Lent, **Niles**, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and met the children. This Parish has passed its semi-centennial, but in its comparative old age, it looks back to when it was better off in this world's goods.

March 21, Second Sunday in Lent. The State Industrial Home for Girls at **Adrian**, spent the day and conducted the services with the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Christ's Church, who renders very acceptable services every other Sunday. The institution is doing very satisfactory work. The State is to be regarded here not so much as punishing crime as reaching forth her arms to rescue young lives.

March 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Rockford**, S. James' Mission, evening, preached, and confirmed 3. The Lay Reader is indefatigable in the services and in Sunday School. The American Church Building Fund Commission, has loaned \$500, 6 pr. ct. on this property for 5 years.

March 28, Third Sunday in Lent, **Harbor Springs**, S. John's Mission, held two services with the Holy Communion. The Sunday School is the life in winter, but the summer invites to enter into the courts of the Lord.

March 31, Wednesday evening, **Ionia**, S. John's, lectured, and held a conference with the Parish.

April 4, Fourth Sunday in Lent, **Kalamazoo**, S. Luke's,

preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, met the children, and confirmed 15. Your presence in this edifice, beautiful with the work of the craftsmen, renders description unnecessary. P. M., S. Barnabas Chapel, officiated. I trust that the good work here will be revived, at least to the extent of the Sunday School. Every Parish, where the opportunity offers, should have some mission work for "them that are without."

April 11, Fifth Sunday in Lent, **Allegan**, Good Shepherd, held two services with Holy Communion, and usual notice of the children, and in the evening, confirmed 12, having on the previous day administered the Rite to two persons in the Poor House.

April 16, **Rockford**, S. James' Mission, evening, lectured.

April 18, Sixth Sunday in Lent, **Benton Harbor**, Holy Trinity Mission, preached morning and afternoon, and at the latter service confirmed 6. This was the opening of the Chapel—a day very joyous to the Minister, and people, and myself. The cost has been \$1,500, and there is a mortgage of \$600. It will hold 125.

April 21, Wednesday in Holy Week, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, evening, preached and confirmed 7. The new organ was first used at this service.

April 23, Good Friday **Ionia**, S. John's, preached twice and confirmed 3.

April 25, Easter, Day, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, A. M., preached, confirmed 19, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, Good Shepherd, preached and conferred with the parishioners as to organization of a Parish, which I advised.

April 30, Friday, **Oconomowoc** and **Nashotah**, the Burial of the Dead, the Rev. Lewis Kemper, D. D., Professor of Exegesis, Biblical Literature and Hebrew, in Nashotah Theological Seminary. I administered the Holy Communion in his Parish Church, and was present in the Chapel where he had so often ministered, and in the sweet God's acre where he waits the resurrection of the just.

May 2, First Sunday after Easter. **Grand Haven**, S. John's, preached twice, held a Children's Service, and in the evening, confirmed 10.

May 4-6, Tuesday-Thursday, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. No element of pleasantness and efficiency was

wanting. The Clergy took into private serious consideration the lukewarmness of many. These meetings are excellent studies for a Minister's work and are refreshing to his spirit.

May 9, Second Sunday after Easter, **Coldwater**, S. Mark's, preached twice, met the Sunday School, and confirmed 1.

May 10, Monday evening, **Kalamazoo**, S. Luke's, confirmed 9 with an Address. This second confirmation makes in all 24 candidates—God's blessing on Preaching and Pastor.

May 11, Tuesday, P. M., **Ionia**, the Burial of the Dead, Hon. E. H. Stanton, who was liberal and active in the erection of the church and will be sadly missed.

May 16, Third Sunday after Easter, **Albion**, S. James', preached, confirmed 4, and addressed the Sunday School. The Church built on a plan original at least for the West, is comfortable and attractive. Where there is so much to commend, and pastor and people have worked so earnestly, it is painful for me even to express the regret that, the unusually elevated Altar, with its Sanctuary, and long candles, and general arrangement, so closely resembles the altar in a Church that our standards place under the ban of "having erred not only in their living and manner of Ceremonies, but also in matters of faith." I can see no authority in the Prayer Book for such a view of the Holy Communion as such an altar symbolizes.

May 17, Monday, **Marshall**, Trinity, evening, preached and confirmed 7, having confirmed in private 1.

May 23, Fourth Sunday after Easter, **Grand Rapids**, Grace, A. M., preached and confirmed 12, and addressed the Sunday School, increased in numbers and efficiency. Evening, S. Paul's Church, preached, and confirmed 3.

This closed the work of a year which has known no interruption from sickness, no accident, and no important delay in travel. When I note the deaths in the Episcopate of those beyond and below the three score, and hear of Bishops, even my juniors, prostrated by illness, and denied the labors their Dioceses need, and they would rejoice to give, I can but say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name."

LAY READERS.

(Holding License till Easter, 1887.)

Mr. J. B. Murphy, Muskegon, S. Paul's, July 4, 1878.

Mr. Charles A. Stevenson, Rockford, S. James' Mission, July 13, 1885.

Mr. J. Eastman Johnson, Niles, Trinity, August 6, 1881.

Mr. Oscar H. Dean, Pentwater, S. James' Mission, September 6, 1885.

POSTULANT.

Earnest Willoughby Jewett, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

DEPOSED.

Richard H. Dennis, Deacon, March 30, 1886, in the Chapel of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, in the presence of the Rev. J. Rice Taylor, the Rev. S. H. Woodford and the Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset, under Canon 5, Title II., on advice of the Standing Committee.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

October 14, 1885—The Rev. *Herbert J. Cook*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Chicago. Resigned as Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, taking effect September 27, 1885.

February 10, 1886—The Rev. *Spruille Burford*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of New York. Resigned as Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, taking effect, January 24, 1886.

May 4, 1886—The Rev. *Alexander Overby*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Virginia. Resigned as Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, taking effect, October 1, 1885.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

June 22, 1885—The Rev. *William Morraill*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pittsburgh. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, June 2, 1885.

November 30, 1885—The Rev. *S. H. Woodford*, from the Missionary Bishop of North Dakota. Commenced officiating in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, January 3, 1886. Elected Rector of Trinity Church May 17, 1886.

January 14, 1886—The Rev. *Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.*, from the Missionary Bishop of Colorado. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, December 25, 1885.

February 19, 1886—The Rev. *Frederick A. DeRosset*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of New York. Entered on his duties as Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, January 8, 1886, having been Assistant to the Rev. S. Burford since October 10, 1884.

March 19, 1886—The Rev. *Frank W. Henry*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Nebraska. Entered on his duties as Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings, March 21, 1886.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

July 26, 1885—The Rev. *Joseph W. Bancroft*, having resigned the charge of Emmanuel Church, Hastings, entered on his duties as General Missionary.

March 1, 1886—The Rev. *Artemus Wetherbee* closed his Rectorship at Union City.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

July 4, 1885—The Emergency of the General Board of Missions.

January 1, 1886—A Card for the Study Table of a Clergyman of the Diocese.

Easteride, 1886—The Finances of the Diocese.

PRAYERS AUTHORIZED.

"In the Vacancy of a Care of Souls," from the Book Annexed.
In Labor troubles, from the Book Annexed (altered).

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From sundry persons generally outside the Diocese, in five dollar subscriptions to the New Book Fund.	
From the Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D., Easter offering of the Sunday School of the Church of the Transfiguration, Philadelphia, Penn., paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	\$106 08
From Miss R. L. Richmond, Grand Rapids, a thank offering, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund	25 00
From Mr. G. A. Jarvis, Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y., through Mrs. Sidney Corbett, paid the Bishop's Trust Fund	25 00
From Mr. H. B. Steele, Waukegan, Ill., offering towards the purchase of a lot at Charlevoix, paid Mr. W. P. Brown	50 00
From the Rev. B. F. Matrau, from the Easter offering of S. John's Church, East Saginaw City, for the church building at Benton Harbor, paid Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D	57 12
From the Rev. R. H. Payne, from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md., for the Episcopal Fund, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$10; for the <i>Church Helper</i> , \$5	25 00
From the Willing Hands, S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, paid the Bishop's Trust Fund	15 00
From a lady of Grand Rapids, to be used as a loan fund, paid the Bishop's Trust Fund	10 00
From a lady of Galesburg, paid the Bishop's Trust Fund	2 00
From the Rev. W. R. Babcock, R. I., paid the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	20 00
Grant from the Board of Missions, September 1, 1885, to September 1, 1886	1,300 00
Appropriations of the same:	
The General Missionary.....	\$400 00
Rev. M. S. Woodruff.....	260 00
Rev. W. Morrall.....	210 00
Rev. J. S. Large	200 00
Rev. J. A. McGlone	150 00
Rev. H. J. Cook to October 1, 1885	16 67
Unappropriated	83 33

VISITS TO SCHOOLS.

Paw Paw, 2; Rockford, Newaygo. Saugatuck, Muskegon, Stanton, Charlevoix, Ludington, Niles, Hastings—11.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

June 7, 1885—*Rev. Levi Boyer*, by the Bishop of Ohio, "having been duly presented for trial for immorality and confessed the truth of the facts of which he is accused in said presentment." Sec. 6, Canon 1, Title IV.

October 6, 1885—*Rev. C. W. K. Morrill*, by the Bishop of Rhode Island, "for causes not affecting his moral character."

October 2, 1885—*Wm. F. Morrison, M. D.*, by the Bishop of California. Canon 5, Title II.

October 29, 1885—*Wm. H. Johnson*, by the Bishop of Central Penn., "for causes not affecting his moral character." Canon 5, Title II.

October 28, 1885—*Wallace W. Lovejoy*, by the Bishop of New Jersey, "for causes not affecting his moral character." Title II., Canon 5.

October 28, 1885—*Joseph Ruthven Trimble*, Deacon, by the Bishop of New Jersey, "for causes not affecting his moral character." Title II., Canon 5.

October 28, 1885—*Caleb J. Peace*, by the Bishop of New Jersey. Title II., Canon 5.

November 28, 1885—*Rev. Benjamin P. Runkle*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Indiana. Title II., Canon 5.

November 11, 1885—*William F. Floyd*, by the Bishop of Massachusetts, "on account of his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church and his abandonment of its communion; and not for reasons affecting his moral character."

December 18, 1885—*Rev. Rawlins Pickman*, by the Bishop of Maryland. Canon 5, Title II.

April 9, 1886—*Rev. J. E. Higgins*, by the Bishop of Kansas, "at his own request and for reasons not affecting his moral character." Title II., Canon 5, Sec. 1.

April 14, 1886—*George Shuttleworth Atwood*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Maine. Canon 5, Title II.

May 8, 1886—*Rev. Julius G. Erhardt*, by the Bishop of Albany. [2] Sec. 11, Canon 10, Title II.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS DROPPED.

May 12, 1886—Ceased to be Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Alabama, John H. Esmonde, W. T. King Jones, John Hall, Cameron A. Moreno, Isaac McCoy Williams.

RESTORATION.

July 20, 1885—*Pliny B. Morgan, M. D.*, deposed in 1878, restored by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, "constituted the Ecclesiastical Authority," "the contemplated action having been submitted to the absent Bishop, and received his approval." Title II., Canon 11, Sec. II., [1]-[4].

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 7, 1885—First Sunday after Trinity, the Industrial Home for Girls, Adrian.

June 29, 1885—Monday, Delafield, Wisconsin, present at laying of Corner Stone.

June 29, 1885—Nashotah, Board of Trustees.

June 30, July 1, 1885—Tuesday, Wednesday, Racine College, Commencement and Board of Trustees.

July 12, 1885—Sixth Sunday after Trinity, Ypsilanti, S. Luke's Church. Memorial Sermon. Evening, Ann Arbor, S. Andrew's, Address.

October 17-21, 1885—Saturday-Wednesday, Detroit, National Prison Association.

October 15, 1885—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity, Flint, Institution for Educating the Deaf and Dumb.

January 17, 1886—Second Sunday after the Epiphany, A. M., S. Andrew's, a Sermon before the Hobart Guild.

January 27, 1886—Wednesday, Agricultural College, baptized an Infant.

February 14, 1886—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Toledo, a Sermon on Prisons and Prisoners.

March 3, 1886—Wednesday, Milwaukee, Trustees of Nashotah.

March 21, 1886—Second Sunday in Lent, Industrial Home for Girls, Adrian.

April 30, 1886—Friday, Oconomowoc and Nashotah, funeral of Rev. Lewis Kemper, D. D.

SUMMARY.

Baptized, infants, 9; adults, 1.....	10
Married.....	2
Buried.....	4
Preached.....	123
Addresses delivered, not including Confirmation ..	21
Children's services and addresses	33
Celebrated the Holy Communion	31
Confirmed in 21 Parishes, 6 Missions, and 2 other places.	185
Meetings and Conferences	40
Organized Parishes visited, 25; Missions, 8; other places, 9; of these, without regular services, 12; visited twice, 14; three times, 2; four times, 2; five times, 1; thirteen times, 1....	
Total number of visitations	83
Clergymen received	5
" transferred	3
" in the Diocese resigning Parishes and changing Parishes	2
Visits to Schools and Colleges.....	11
Visits to State Institutions at home and abroad	18
Visits to Jails and Poor Houses.....	59

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Bishop's Pastoral.

The Emergency of the General Board of Missions.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN: From both the Domestic and the Foreign department of our Missionary Work, comes the painful report, that with the months of least promise of contribution, to the year's end, there remains an unusually large sum to be secured to meet the appropriations of the year. The Domestic work must have over \$77,000; the Foreign work over \$48,000. The officers of the Board are calling on the Dioceses to come to their aid.

Below you have a table showing what the Parishes and Missions have contributed since the beginning of the year of the Board, September 1, 1884. Parishes and Missions not named have made no offering. The cases of entire omission are few, but almost without exception the offerings are below the ability of the givers.

To the Domestic Treasury we owe a debt of Diocesan gratitude, for a liberal annual grant. While both departments appeal to our duty as Churchmen and Christians.

The Diocese has in the past made a good record for offerings, but the present year the sum will be far short of the last unless unusual effort is put forth.

I beg every Parish and Mission to consider their duty in this crisis. Let no Clergyman feel that he has done what in him lies, until he has presented from his pulpit the Missionary work of the Church, and given his people the opportunity to contribute.

If we cannot fully come up to the past, I am sure we can make the disparity much less than it is now.

The gathering must be in the hands of the Treasurers in New York by September 1st.

Yours in the common and blessed trust of "making known God's Saving health among all nations."

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

Bishop of Western Michigan.

Grand Rapids, July 4, 1885.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1884, TO JUNE 1ST, 1885.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.	DOMESTIC.	FOREIGN.	GENERAL.	TOTAL.
Albion	\$1 54	\$1 54	\$.....	\$3 08
Allegan .....	.....	4 75	5 15	9 90
Battle Creek	15 61	19 20	.....	34 81
Big Rapids .....	.....	7 04	12 00	19 04
Coldwater	5 83	2 75	6 00	14 58
Elk Rapids	8 00	.....	.....	8 00
Grand Haven .....	.....	.....	5 40	5 40
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	110 00	70 50	.....	180 50
Grand Rapids, Grace .....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Greenville	13 02	4 63	4 21	21 86
Hastings .....	.....	4 71	38 66	43 37
Ionia	2 00	2 07	.....	4 07
Kalamazoo	28 25	28 20	10 00	66 45
Marshall	1 89	18 84	31 07	51 80
Muskegon	12 04	4 05	.....	16 09
Manistee	9 64	6 65	15 78	32 05
Mt. Pleasant	58	.....	.....	58
Niles	5 20	15 40	5 00	25 20
Paw Paw	1 54	1 54	.....	3 08
Three Rivers	93	92	.....	1 85
Total	\$216 07	\$192 39	\$134 25	\$542 71

Mr James M. Brown, 23 Bible House, New York, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

Mr. William Bayard Cutting, 22 Bible House, New York, for Domestic and General Missions.

In remitting mention the Diocese and Parish. Draw orders on Station D.

Remittances in Bank notes are not safe.

For the Study Table.

A PRAYER BEFORE STUDY.

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, enlighten my mind, that I myself may see, and be able to teach others the wonders of Thy Law; that I may learn from Thee, what I ought to think and speak concerning Thee: and that whatever in Thy Holy Word I shall profitably learn, I may indeed fulfill the same.

Direct and bless all my labours. Give me a discerning spirit, a sound judgment, and an honest and a religious heart, that in all my studies, my first aim may be, to set forth Thy glory, by setting forward the salvation of men.

And if, by my ministry, Thy kingdom shall be enlarged, let me, in all humility, ascribe the success, not unto myself, but unto Thy good Spirit, which enables us both to will and to do what is acceptable to Thee, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Bp. Wilson.*

TO MY SOUL.

1. Read the Bible daily: English, Greek and Hebrew.
2. Study the Creed.
3. Remember the Law of Christ. *Note*—Beatitudes and the Decalogue.
4. Daily Duties. (a) Sermon-writing. *Note*—Texts, Themes, Thoughts, Illustrations, Applications. (b) Letters: Canonical, Fraternal (to clerical brethren), Condolence, Congratulation, Friendship, Business.
5. Visitations. *Note*—Promptly; frequently; at convenient seasons; the Parishioners, all twice a year; the Afflicted, promptly, thoughtfully; the Poor, regularly, helpfully.—*Transcribed by Bishop Cox.*

TOPICS FOR THE PULPIT.

These subjects should be presented annually.

The Sunday after All Saints' Day—*A Memorial Discourse* for the eminent clergy and Church workers who have died in the past year.

First Sunday after Epiphany—*Schools and Colleges.*

Second Sunday after Epiphany—*Holy Wedlock.*

Septuagesima, or the 20th Sunday after Trinity—*The use of intoxicants.*

Second Sunday in Lent—*Purity*; (the White Cross movement).

First or 13th Sunday after Trinity—*Pauperism.*

Fifth Sunday after Trinity—*Increase of the Ministry.*

October—*Prisons and Prisoners.*

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity—*The Lord's Day.*

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity—*The Civil Authority.*

To Sponsors. To the Confirmed. To neglecters of the Holy Communion. On Family Prayer.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." *I Corinthians v, 20.*

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." *I Timothy iv, 5.*

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." *I Corinthians iii, 8.*

SERMONS.

Hints.

Begin, continue and end with prayer.

Choose the topics and texts early in the week.

Study the text in the originals, and fix its meaning.

Think over the subject and note the points.

Read in connection with the topic and text.

Draw up a plan of treatment.

Prepare with your congregation before you.

Prove, illustrate, interrogate, appeal.

Have something in every sermon on the Church, for the young, for the unlearned.

Tell the people something to do—read, think, perform.

Note on your sermon your own criticism after delivery.

Read weekly at least one able sermon.

TIMES FOR OFFERINGS.

Diocesan Missions. See Canon XIX., Sec. 1.

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc. "On Christmas Day, or Sunday preceding or succeeding." Canon XIV., Sec. 1.

Domestic Missions, in Advent; Foreign, in Epiphany-tide; for Colored People, in Lent-tide; for Indians, in Trinity season; for Jewish Missions, Good Friday.

Bible and C. P. Book Societies, Whitsun-Day.

Society for the Increase of the Ministry, Trinity Sunday or a Sunday soon after.

The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes, the 12th Sunday after Trinity.

The American Church Building Fund Commission, 14th Sunday after Trinity.

"And see that ye never cease your labour, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lie'h in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring such as are or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left among you, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life."—*The Ordering of Priests.*

The Finances of the Diocese.

To the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, and the Members of

DEAR BRETHREN: There are many topics upon which I would far rather address you than the finances of the Diocese. It has been our diocesan pride, that we have never yet had to ask our Treasurers to advance funds to meet our obligations. And now, there is no such crisis upon us, and that we may be as far from it in the future as we have been in the past, I ask your attention to the assessments and Missionary pledges.

THE ASSESSMENTS.

You are aware that the income of the Episcopal Fund falls short annually from seven to eight hundred dollars of meeting the salary of the Bishop. We may well be devoutly thankful that we have, what Dioceses far older and stronger do not possess, an Episcopal Fund.

The assessments have been made on a very equitable principle, and generally they have been promptly met.

Yet we find on the Journal of '85 (page 21) an aggregate of assessments in arrears of \$802.24. This does not include the current year. Aside from the pride every Parish should feel in being even with the Diocese, the payment of a good share of these arrears will diminish the assessment for the next year, which owing chiefly to the meeting of the General Convention, must be much larger than usual.

I am persuaded that would one or two persons take the matter in hand, in almost every case, all or a good share of the arrears, might be raised. Generally to pay the whole would not require more than on an average, one dollar for every Communicant.

The whole amount of the assessment for the current year will be needed.

The Constitution denies lay representation in the Convention to a Parish, "which has not paid in full the last two assessments due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese." Although the Convention has in a few cases remitted the assessments, the indulgence has generally not led to prompt payment, and the mind of

the Diocese is I believe against further remission. It is not right, that the benefits enjoyed by all should be paid for by a part, and that parishes making earnest efforts to meet their obligation, should have to provide for those that have not the like sense of justice and honor.

THE MISSIONARY PLEDGES.

The report of the Treasurer, Journal '85 (p 34, 35) shows "unpaid pledges and balances," amounting to \$643.82.

For two or three years, a large balance has been reported to the Convention. This year will be a noted exception. The Board have voted in stipends all the funds in hand, excepting the usual reserve as a working capital, and the whole amount pledged at the Convention of last year. The Missionaries have remained at their posts, consequently the whole sum will be needed.

The Board of Missions have determined to appeal to the Diocese for eighteen hundred dollars for the ensuing year. The increased amount is in view of the fact, that there will be no balance in hand, and that the field demands another General Missionary supported partly by our funds. This advance movement has been long and carefully considered, and a Clergymen will soon visit the Diocese with reference to appointment.

We beg the Parishes and Missions to meet at once their arrears, and to respond cheerfully to the earnest asking of the Board for the sum named. Every abatement from this apportionment will so far embarrass our plans.

A Parish should make provision for Diocesan demands, as the assessment and Missionary pledges, as for its own expenses. It is no Christian nor Churchly mind that says in effect, "the Diocese must not look to us, we want all our money here at home, we shall not allow any part to go out of the Parish." And this while the Parish has the Bishop's services, and all the benefits of Diocesan relation.

Dear Brethren, we have been a Diocese for more than eleven years. In the meantime, churches and rectories have been built and paid for, debts have been discharged, and the condition of some of our Parishes has materially improved. Yet our pledges for the last two years have been less by seven hundred dollars than the aggregate in the first two years of the Diocese.

Is it not too much the case, that money is expended for church decoration, church furniture, what is for beauty, for convenience, for comfort; while our Diocese that should be dear to us, and the Church beyond our borders, our household of faith, have the cold shoulder of meagre, unwilling gift, and even the debts of assessment and pledge stand on the Diocesan record?

I feel that it is time we should expand our work, and that means, that we should open our hearts and hands.

You will be told in growing towns that the opportunity to plant the Church has been "lost by the indifference of the Bishop," when though I might find the man I could not get the money. I must constantly hear the complaining inquiry, "Why is it that when other Christian bodies here are helped to sustain their Ministers, and build their Churches, there is nothing for us."

I beseech you, my brethren, whom I am over in the Lord, to think not and say not, "with what sum can we be let off," but rather to think and say, "what is the utmost that in effort and denial we can pay and give." We have been praying ever since we have been a Diocese, "May every Parish look not on its own things alone, but also on the things of others"—let us realize our supplication.

I long before "I go hence and am no more seen," to build up the Diocese to that stability and strength, that when it shall call for another Chief Pastor, it may present to duty and to zeal, the Church attractive in what it is, and in what it may be.

Think, I pray you, brethren, on these things, as now you have been kneeling with penitent hearts at the foot of the cross, and your souls are yearning to make some return for the Saviour's dying love. And when on the glorious Easter, the Church has summoned you to praise, to bless, to worship, to glorify, to give thanks to Christ, "who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification," who has "opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers."

Yours in our common hope and trust,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Episcopal Residence, Eastertide, A. D. 1885.

The Bishop requests each Rector to read this Pastoral to his congregation, on *The First Sunday after Easter*.

And at the time to state:

1. What, if any, arrears there are for assessment, or pledge for Missions, prior to the last Convention.
2. What part of the assessment, and the pledge for the present year remains unpaid.
3. What is the sum, the Board of Missions ask the Parish to pledge for the ensuing year.

A Prayer Set Forth by the Bishop.

The unhappy feeling existing on the part of wage workers in various industries leading to the suspension of business and interruption of travel and trade, and even to riots of most serious character, is a crisis that should bring us in humble supplication before Him "who maketh men to be of one mind in a house."

I therefore under Title I, Canon 15, Sec. XIV., set forth the following Form of Prayer, and "transmit it to each Clergyman in the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to use it in his Church."

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 25, 1886.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the laborers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtasked, or by reason of poverty are forgotten. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Parochial Reports.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS, TITLE I., CANON 14, SECTION IV., [3]; CANON 17 SECTION I; AND OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, CANON VIII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

S. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The REV. BELNO ADDISON BROWN, Rector. (1883.)

Howard C. Daskam, Creighton B. Lane, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 2; total, 10; Confirmed,	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 59; admitted, 4; received, 1; total added, 5;		
died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number, male, 15; female, 45;		
total,	-	60
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	4
Public Services—Sundays,	-	104
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1.	-	
Congregation—Families, 25; Adults, 80; children, 35; total,	-	115
Catechising—Number of times,	-	52
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 1; total,	-	4
Pupils, male, 10; female, 25; total,	-	35
Average attendance,	-	70

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	\$123 59
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	520 41
Paid for building a new church,	-	1,380 00
By the Sunday School, for books and church furniture,	-	25 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	\$2,049 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$123.59; subscriptions, \$644.00; Women's Associations, \$200.00; the Sunday School, \$25.00; other sources, \$1,076.41; total, \$2,049.00.

Value of church property—The Church, \$4,500.00

Indebtedness—Secured, \$300.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings. 200.

Insurance, \$3,500.00. \$1,920.00 was realized from insurance for the new church.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan County. (1880)

The REV. D. D. CHAPIN, Rector. (1881.)

W. B. Williams, D. J. Arnold, Wardens.

Baptized—Infant, 1; adults, 7; total, 8; Confirmed,	-	-	14
Communicants—Last reported, 78; admitted, 14; received, 7; total added, 21;			
removed, 5; present number, male, 29; female, 65; total,	-	-	94
Marriage, 1; burials, -	-	-	2
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 80; total,	-	-	180
Holy Communion—Public, 25; private, 5; -	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 60; adults, 140; children, 100; total,	-	-	240
Catechising—Number of times, -	-	-	30
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 6; total,	-	-	9
Pupils, male, 35; female, 40; total,	-	-	75
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, -	-	-	280

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$15 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	860 00	
Organ fund, -	-	600 00	
By the Sunday School, for general purposes, -	-	25 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -	-	-	1 500 00
Diocesan Missions, -	-	10 00	
Assessment of the Convention, -	-	38 25	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., -	-	4 00	
Woman's Auxilliary, -	-	20 00	
Deaf-Mute Mission, -	-	2 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	-	20 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -	-	-	94 25
General Missions, -	-	3 00	
Special, -	-	5 00	
Foreign Missions, Woman's Auxilliary, -	-	10 00	
Domestic Missions, Woman's Auxilliary, -	-	15 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -	-	-	33 00
Total of Offerings, -	-	-	\$1,627 25

Value of Church property—The church, \$6,000.00; legacy, \$250.00; Rectory, \$1,500; other property, organ, \$1,325.00; total, \$9,075.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$300; secured, \$750.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Insurance—Rectory, \$1,200.00; church, \$3,500.

Bishop's Address, pages 93, 95.

S. Matthew's Mission, Baldwin, Lake County. (1879.)

The REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	6
Burials,	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 2; Week day, 1; total,	-	-	3
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 5; adults and children,	-	-	30
Number of volumes S. S. Library,	-	-	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	\$100 42
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	95
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$101 37

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, 95 cents; income from investments, \$100.42; total, \$101.37.

Value of Church property—The chapel, \$600.00; rectory, \$400.00; other property, \$60.00; total, \$1,060.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 90.

Insurance—On church, \$500.00; on rectory, \$300.00; on organ, \$60.00.

Rev. Mr. Prichard has visited the families and tendered week-day services.

The claim on the property is now paid up. "Since April 15, 1886, the rents have been paid to Mr. Withey, now Treasurer of the Mission. I do not know, but think he has now about \$25, cash in hand. The Methodists owe one quarter's rent on church, the occupant of the Rectory nearly two month's rent. The prospects of the town are no better." Letter of Tho's Smurthwaite, Oct. 6, 1886.

S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. (1842.)

The REV. WILLIAM W. TAYLOR, Rector. (1884.)

The Hon. George Willard, Lay Reader.

Clement Wakelee, Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 3; total 8; Confirmed,	-	-	6
Communicants—Last reported, 147; admitted, 6; received, 6; total added,	-	-	-
12; died, 1; removed, 6; total lost, 7; present number, male, 26; female,	-	-	-
126; total,	-	-	152
Marriages, 6; burials,	-	-	6
Public Services—Sundays, 97; week days, 58; total,	-	-	155

Holy Communion—Public, 16; private, 5;	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 101; adults, 250; children, 143; total,	-	-	393
Catechising—Number of times, weekly; either by Rector or Superintendent.	-	-	-
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 11; total,	-	-	14
Pupils, male, 40; female, 75; total,	-	-	115
Average attendance,	-	-	70
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	370

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).	-	\$43 79	
For the poor,	-	8 75	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,.	-	1,924 64	
Young People's Association, for the support of boy choir,	-	19 00	
Ladies Parish Aid for music,	-	39 00	
By the Sunday School for its support,	-	38 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	2,073 18
Diocesan Missions,	-	50 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	72 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	15 00	
Box for Missionary, by the Woman's Auxiliary,	-	23 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	20 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	183 75
General Missions,	-	10 15	
Domestic Missions,	-	14 00	
Foreign Missions,	-	8 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	8 00	
By the Sunday School for General Missions,	-	13 40	
" " Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, S.	-	-	
Margaret's, Tokio,	-	5 20	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	58 75
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$2,315 68

The sources of contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$366.28; pew rents, \$1,390.75; income from investments, \$195.00; other sources, \$373.65; total, \$2,315.68.

Value of Church property—The church and chapel, \$24,200; rectory, \$1,800; total, \$26,000.

The seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 500.

Insurance, \$7,500.

Bishop's Address, page 91.

Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor, Berrien Co. (1882.)

The REV. G. C. V. EASTMAN, D. D., Missionary. (1884.)

Alfred Coates, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 4; total, 6; Confirmed, - - 6

Communicants—Last reported, 13; admitted, 6; received, 8; total added, 14;	
present number, male, 4; female, 23; total,	27
Marriages, 2; burials,	2
Public Services—Sundays, 46; week days, 3; total,	49
Holy Communion—Public, 7; private, 1;	
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 51; children, 19; total,	70
Catechising—Number of times,	46
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 3; total,	5
Pupils, male, 13; female, 10; total,	23
Average attendance,	12

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$375 46
The increase and improvement of Church property,	1,829 88.
By the Sunday School, for Missions,	1 00
" " " papers and instruction books,	14 08
Total for Parochial Objects,	2,220 42
Diocesan Missions,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	2 34
Foreign Missions,	2 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	4 34
Total of Offerings,	\$2,236 76

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$63.00; subscriptions, \$312.46; Women's Associations, \$156.35; Sunday School, \$15.08; other sources, \$1,689.87; total, \$2,236.76.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$60.00; secured, \$600.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 125.

Insurance, \$1,000.

Bishop's Address, page 95.

S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1871.)

The REV. MONTGOMERY S. WOODRUFF, Rector. (1885.)

Calvin W. Nottingham, Charles B. Mosher, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 4; total, 11; Confirmed,	9
Communicants—Last reported, 67; admitted, 6; received, 2; total added, 17;	
removed, 8; present number, male, 11; female, 67; total,	76
Marriages, 4; burials,	3
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days 13; total,	111
Holy Communion—Public,	16
Congregation—Families, 55; adults, 120; children, 55; total,	175
Catechising—Number of times,	4
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total,	8
Pupils, male, 37; female, 59; total,	96
Average attendance,	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$11 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,079 98	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	835 43	
Paid on Indebtedness,	-	165 88	
By the Sunday School, for Rectory debt,	-	20 58	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-		2,112 87
Diocesan Missions,	-	30 00	
Assessment of the Convention, including arrears,	-	98 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	8 48	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-		136 48
Domestic Missions,	-	8 95	
Foreign Missions,	-	7 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-		15 95
Total of Offerings,	-		\$2,265 30

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$298.35; envelope system, \$395.21; subscriptions, \$680.32; individual gifts, \$67.38; Women's Associations, \$375.00; Sunday School, \$20.58; other sources, \$428.46; total, \$2,265.30.

Value of Church property—The church, \$3,000; rectory, \$1,750; other property, \$800; total, \$5,550.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$300.38; secured, \$400.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 200.

Missionary Services have been held at Howard City and Reed City.

Insurance, \$3,050.

Bishop's Address, page 91, 95.

Charlevoix, Charlevoix County.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Present number, male, 5; female, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	15
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	8

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of the Bishop,	-	-	-	-	\$9 15
Use of the Methodist Church,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Expenses of the Service,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total for local objects,	-	-	-	-	16 15
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	10 50
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$26 65

Bishop's Address, pages 88, 92.

Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1877.)

In temporary charge of the REV. F. W. HENRY, Hastings.

Communicants—present number, male, 1; female, 9; total,	-	-	-	-	10
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Congregation—Number of families, 7; adults and children, - 20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General Missions, - - - - - \$1 00

The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan holds in trust for the Church at Charlotte, \$169.36.

The same having been received from Mr. Charles M. Atkins, of Montana, as one-half rent of the church building, occupied for public school purposes. The other half was paid to Mr. B. R. Laurance, owner of lot.

The building was much damaged and has since been sold at auction.

S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

Vacant since October 1885.

N. P. Loveridge, David C. Powers, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 5; Confirmed, - - - - -	1
Communicants—Last reported, 139; admitted, 1; received, 6; total added, 7; died, 2; removed, 6; total lost, 8; present number, male, 30; female, 108; total, - - - - -	138
Marriages, 3; burials, - - - - -	5
Public Services—Sundays, 64; week days, 15; total, - - - - -	79
Holy Communion—Public, - - - - -	7
Congregation—Families, 83; adults, 194; children, 90; total, - - - - -	284
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 7; total, - - - - -	10
Pupils, male, 30; female, 72; total, - - - - -	102
Average attendance, - - - - -	75
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, - - - - -	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aids at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported), -	\$35 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	1,195 00
The increase and improvement of Church property, -	110 00
Paid on indebtedness, - - - - -	2,500 00
By the Sunday School, for its expenses, - - - - -	50 00
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	3,890 00
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	50 31
Assessment of the Convention, - - - - -	59 30
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - - - -	2 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	10 00
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	121 61
General Missions, - - - - -	5 00
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	6 25
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, - - - - -	10 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	21 25
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$4,032 86

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$200.00; pew

rents, \$1,000.00; envelope system, \$75.; individual gifts, \$2,500.00; Women's Associations, \$200.00; Sunday School, \$70.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$14,000.00; chapel, \$2,500.00; total, \$16,500.00.

Seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 400; number of free sittings, all required.

Insurance, \$7,500.

Bishop's Address, pages 89, 91, 96.

Epiphany Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1877.)

In charge of the REV. T. J. KNAPP, D. D.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 10; total, - 11

No services have been held during the year, the Church people generally having removed.

The building has partly settled and should have attention. No insurance.

S. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. (1876.)

In temporary charge of the REV. F. W. HENRY, Hastings.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	6
Congregation—Number of families, 5; adults and children,	-	-	20
Public Services—Sundays, 4; week days, 2; total,	-	-	6
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$3 47
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Value of Church property—The church, \$1,500.

Sittings, 120.

Insurance, \$700.

The Mission has communion vessels and service books.

The windows of the chapel have been damaged.

S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (1871.)

The REV. WILLIAM MORRALL, Rector. (1886.)

James Ellis, William C. Lewis, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 12; adult, 1; total, 13; confirmed,	-	-	10
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Communicants—Last reported, 42; admitted, 11; received, 2; total added, 13;		
removed, 1; present number, male, 12; female, 42; total,	-	54
Marriages, 2; burial, -	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 106; week days, 22; total,	-	128
Holy Communion—Public,	-	15
Congregation—Families, 34; adults, 63; children, 40; total,	-	103
Catechising—Number of times, -	-	40
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 5; total,	-	8
Pupils, male, 38; female, 34; total,	-	72
Average attendance, -	-	55

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$40 02
For the Sunday School,	-	37 71
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,021 44
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	35 00
Paid on indebtedness, -	-	200 36
By the Sunday School, for font and Church debt	-	70 08
By the Sunday School for papers, books, etc.,	-	23 85
Total for Parochial Objects, -	-	1,428 49
Diocesan Missions, -	-	10 00
Assessment of the Convention, -	-	19 85
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., -	-	7 20
Total for Diocesan Objects, -	-	37 05
Domestic Missions, -	-	2 24
Total of Offerings, -	-	\$1,467 78

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$217.64; envelope system, \$922.00; subscriptions, \$72.61; individual gifts, \$6.00; Women's Associations, \$150.16; Sunday School, \$99.37; total, \$1,467.78.

Value of Church property—The church, \$5,254.67; other property, \$625.00; total, \$5,879.67.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$339.41.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Insurance, \$4,000.

Two services have been held at Charlevoix.

Bishop's Address, pages 89, 91.

S. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County. (1876.)

In charge of the REV. J. A. MCGLOCK, Mt. Pleasant.

Communicants—Present number, male, 4; female, 12; total,	-	16
Public Services—Sundays, 2; week day, 1; total,	-	3

There is a valuable lot belonging to the Mission held by Trustees. Also a Baptismal bowl, Altar linen and chancel books.

S. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1876.)

The REV. THEODORE J. KNAPP, Rector. (1886.)

Thomas A. Parish, George D. Sanford, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 3; total, 11; confirmed,	-	-	10
Communicants—Last reported, 68; admitted, 15; received, 10; total added,	-	-	-
25; died, 1; present number, male, 25; female, 67; total,	-	-	92
Marriage, 1; burial,	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 44; week days, 18; total,	-	-	62
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	22
Congregation—Families, 48; adults, 80; children, 98; total,	-	-	178
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	3
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 10; total,	-	-	11
Pupils, male, 38; female, 54; total,	-	-	92
Average attendance,	-	-	74
Number of volumes S. S. Library,	-	-	250

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion,	-	-	\$162 91
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	1,014 82
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	122 00
By the Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	-	-	88 75
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	1,388 48
Deaf-Mute Mission,	-	-	1 37
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$1,389 85

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$164.28; pew rents, \$818.65; subscriptions, \$32.00; Easter offering, \$90.00; Women's Associations, \$175.95; Sunday School, \$88.75; other sources, \$52.22; total, \$1,389.85

Value of Church property—The church, \$6,000.00; rectory, \$1,500.00; other property, \$3,000.00; total, \$10,500.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$228.00; secured, \$750.00.

The church seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 250; free sittings, 50.

Parish was vacant from October 1st to December 25th, 1885.

Insurance, \$3,700.

\$146.35 is due the Diocese for assessments up to May 31st, 1886, included in floating indebtedness.

This report commences January 1st, 1886, when I became Rector.

S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

The REV. FREDERICK ANCRAM DEROSSET, Assistant Minister. (1886.)

William R. Shelby, Edwin F. Uhl, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 23; adults, 8; total, 31; confirmed,	-	-	19
Communicants—Last reported, 710; admitted, 23; received, 51; total added,	-	-	-
74; died, 8; removed, 100; dropped, 173; total lost, 281; present number,	-	-	-
male, 180; female, 323; total,	-	-	503
Marriages, 15; burials,	-	-	21

Public Services—Sundays, 159; week days, 642; total,	-	-	801
Holy Communion—Public, 81; private, 2;	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 275; adults, 1,100; children, 600; total,	-	-	1,700
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	104
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 9; female, 12; total,	-	-	21
Pupil, male, 151; female, 218; total,	-	-	369
Average attendance,	-	-	275
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 175; S. S. Library,	-	-	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$210 94	
For the Sunday School,	-	39 35	
S. Mark's Home,	-	646 63	
By the Choir,	-	173 23	
By the Industrial Sewing School, (also 444 garments made and given away),	-	41 13	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	5,428 58	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	293 58	
By the Sunday School, for debt,	-	41 50	
By the Sunday School,	-	169 09	
Total for Parochial objects,	-		7,051 45
Diocesan Missions,	-	500 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	311 50	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	87 50	
Deaf-Mute Mission,	-	12 15	
By the Sunday School, for—	-	25 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-		936 15
Domestic Missions,	-	71 50	
Foreign Missions,	-	71 50	
Home Missions for Colored People,	-	59 00	
American Church Building Fund,	-	13 13	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	22 33	
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	24 22	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-		261 68
Total of Offerings,	-		\$8,249 28

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$1,868.55; pew rents, \$5,939.00; subscriptions, \$61.07; individual gifts, \$94.25; Sunday School, \$285.71; total, \$8,249.28.

Value of Church property—The church, \$65,000.00; rectory, \$12,000.00; total, \$77,000.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$1,000.00; secured, \$6,000.00, on rectory.

The seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 1,300; number of free sittings 360.

Insurance, \$29,750.

S. Mark's Home is a partial report. The Helping Hand and the Industrial Band and the Girls' Friendly Society have not reported.

Bishop's Address, pages 87, 92, 94, 95.

S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

The REV. J. RICE TAYLOR, Rector. (1885.)

Ebenezer Anderson, William F. Walker, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adult, 1; total, 7; confirmed,	-	-	3
Communicants—Last reported, 68; admitted, 3; received, 6; total added, 9;	-	-	-
dropped, 2; present number, male, 15; female, 62; total,	-	-	77
*Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	3
Public Services—Sundays, 92; week days, 16; total,	-	-	108
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	12
Congregation—Families, 60; adults, 115; children, 64; total,	-	-	179
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	13
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 9; total,	-	-	12
Pupils, male, 28; female, 41; total,	-	-	69
Average attendance,	-	-	45
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 16; S. S. Library,	-	-	235

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	\$7 50
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	805 62
By the Sunday School for Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	50 50
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	863 71
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	5 65
Assessment of the Convention.	-	-	-	21 80
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc,	-	-	-	4 15
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	9 35
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	40 95
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	1 60
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	3 17
Indian Missions,	-	-	-	1 62
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	1 00
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	3 00
“ “ “ Home Missions for Colored People,	-	-	-	3 00
“ “ “ Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	1 35
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	14 74
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$919 40

The sources of contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$121.12; envelope system, \$349.85; individual gifts, \$60.00; Women's Associations, \$200.53; Sunday School, \$67.20; other sources, \$120.70; total, \$919.40.

Value of Church property—The church, \$6,000.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$15.02.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Insurance, \$2,000.

In remitting, from necessity, a portion of his salary of \$600.00, paying his own traveling expenses, and using his own home as a parsonage, a sum not less than \$300.00 may be justly added to the above total of Parish Expenditures, as a personal contribution—in addition to those of the years that are gone—to Diocesan Missions.

During the past year have visited Rockford three times, preaching once and making an address at a children's festival; officiated at four funerals at Holland.

A Literary Society was organized in connection with S. Paul's last October. It numbers 30 or 40 members, meeting every week, and has had an average attendance of 15. The Rector presides and has been absent from the meetings only on one occasion.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

The REV. F. C. COOLBAUGH, Rector. (1880.)

Jacob Kleinhans, W. H. Raiguel, Wardens.

Charles K. Seymour, Lay Reader.

Baptized - Infants, 4; confirmed,	-	-	-	12
Communicants—Last reported, 143; admitted, 6; received, 18; total added,				
22; died, 4; removed, 5; dropped, 4; total lost, 13; present number, male,				
28; female, 126; total,	-	-	-	154
Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	-	10
Public Services—Sundays, 149; week days, 100; total,	-	-	-	249
Holy Communion—Public, 40; private, 8;	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 110; adults, 225; children, 150; total,	-	-	-	375
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 5; female, 7; total,	-	-	-	12
Pupils, male, 50; female, 65; total,	-	-	-	115
Average attendance,	-	-	-	85

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	\$1,430 20	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	292 56	
Paid on indebtedness,	-	1,000 00	
By the Sunday School, for Parish,	-	16 81	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-		\$2,739 57
Diocesan Missions,	-	60 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	64 45	
Total for Diocesan objects,	-		124 45
General Missions,	-	5 00	
Foreign Missions,	-	4 59	
By the Sunday School, for Church building,	-	1 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-		10 59
Total of Offerings,	-		\$2,874 61

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$675.22; envelope system, \$620.88; Guild, \$124.35; individual gifts, \$106.00; Women's Associations, \$366.61; Sunday School, \$17.81; other sources, \$964.74; total, \$2,874.61.

Value of Church property—The church \$10,000; rectory, \$2,260 00; total, \$12,260.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$163.00; secured, \$1,000.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Insurance, \$3,500.

I have held regular services alternate weeks in Holland during the year, and also in the promising Mission of S. Mark's, Newaygo, since last December.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1886.)

The REV. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Rector. (1886.)

Henry A. Formby, Hugh Hann, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adult, 1; total,	-	-	-	7
Communicants—Present number, male, 13; female, 48; total,	-	-	-	61
Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	-	6
Public Services—Sundays, 78; week days, 75; total,	-	-	-	153
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	17
Congregation—Families, 54; adults and children, total,	-	-	-	250
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 14; total,	-	-	-	17
Pupils, male, 82; female, 114; total,	-	-	-	196
Average attendance,	-	-	-	140

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$16 86	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,		256 92	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	89 75	
Paid on indebtedness,	-	218 00	
Grading tax,	-	150 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School expenses,	-	49 36	
" " " Parish indebtedness,	-	40 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-		820 89
Domestic Missions,	-	4 00	
Foreign Missions,	-	4 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-		8 00
Total of Offerings,	-		\$828 89

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$271.10; on hand, \$5.92; envelope system, \$291.16; individual gifts, \$158.00; Women's Associations, \$44.10; sale of property, 65 cents; Sunday School, \$89.36.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$5,000.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$447.28.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Trinity Church is a Parish recently organized out of the old congregation of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The above report is not so full as it is hoped to make it in the future.

Bishop's Address, pages, 88, 94, 95.

S. Paul's Mission, Greenville, Montcalm County. (1881.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

George M. Chandler, Warden.

Baptized—Infant,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 32 ; removed, 3 ; total lost, 16 ; present number, male, 4 ; female, 12 ; total,	-	-	-	-	16
Burials,	-	-	-	-	2
Public Services—Sundays, 4 ; week days, 28 ; total,	-	-	-	-	32
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	2
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2 ; female, 5 ; total,	-	-	-	-	7
Pupils, male, 11 ; female, 11 ; total,	-	-	-	-	22
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	18
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	280

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	77	24
Paid on indebtedness,	-	23	25
By the Sunday School, for expenses,	-	16	61
" " " Library,	-	6	45
" " " Christmas tree,	-	6	00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	129	55
Diocesan Missions,	-	24	53
By the Sunday School, for Colored Missions,	-	4	00
Total of Offerings,	-	\$158	08

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$39.85 ; envelope system, \$32.05 ; Women's Associations, \$23.25 ; sale of property, \$1.50 ; Sunday School, \$33.06 ; other sources, \$8.37 ; total, \$158.08.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$1,800.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$41.75.

The Church is free ; whole number of sittings, 250.

Insurance, \$1,500.

S. John's Mission, Harbor Springs, Emmet County. (1883.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Charles Scott, Warden.

James M. Burbeck, Treasurer ; Charles S. Crandall, Secretary.

Baptized—Infants, 2 ; adult, 1 ; total,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Last reported, 7 ; admitted, 1 ; removed, 1 ; present number, male, 1 ; female, 6 ; total,	-	-	-	-	7
Public Services—Sundays, by the Rev. Mr. Elmer, 6 ; the Rev. Mr. Tate, 8 ; Bishop Gillespie, 4 ; the General Missionary, 4 ; total,	-	-	-	-	22
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	5

Sunday School—Teachers, female,	-	-	-	-	2
Pupils, male, 12; female, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	24
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	17
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For fuel and lighting,	-	-	-	\$2 80
To Rev. Mr. Elmer, clerical services,	-	-	-	5 74
For expenses of the Bishop,	-	-	-	3 75
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	45 00
General Missions,	-	-	-	2 00
For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	36 79
By the Sunday School for its expenses,	-	-	-	3 75

\$99 63

The sources of the above contributions are the Offertory, \$46.00; individual gifts, \$12.22; subscription, \$5.00; Women's Associations, \$21.29; Sunday School, \$7.25; other sources, \$8.07; total, \$97.83.

Value of Church property.—The Church, \$3,000.

Indebtedness, \$36 22.

The church insured for \$2,000.

The Church is free; number of sittings, 150

Bishop's Address, pages 88, 94.

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1863.)

The REV. F. W. HENRY, Rector. (1865.)

H. A. Goodyear, D. G. Robinson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 3; total, 14; confirmed,	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Last reported, 96; admitted, 2; received, 8; total added, 10;	-	-	-	-
died, 2; present number, male, 16; female, 87; total,	-	-	-	103
Marriages, 5; burials,	-	-	-	2
Public Services—Sundays, 76; week days, 32; total,	-	-	-	108
Holy Communion—Public, 19; private, 2,	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 44; adults, 102; children, 67; total,	-	-	-	169
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	11
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 6; female, 12; total,	-	-	-	17
Pupils, male, 34; female, 52; total,	-	-	-	86
Average attendance,	-	-	-	55
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	199

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$20 72
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	602 64
By the Sunday School, for new church,	-	3 15
" " " font,	-	9 25
Total for Parochial objects,	-	\$635 76
Diocesan Missions,	-	60 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	37 80

Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	11 34
By Woman's Auxiliary, cash and surplice for Missionary	-	-	12 00
" " supplies for Missionary,	-	-	11 75
" " Lecturn cloth for Missionary,	-	-	4 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Pledge.	-	-	5 00
" " " New Book Fund,	-	-	5 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	146 69
General Missions,	-	-	55 68
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	2 44
By Woman's Auxiliary, for Tokio Hospital,	-	-	4 65
By the Sunday School, for the Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	6 00
" " " Christmas gifts sent to Dakota,	-	-	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	73 77
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$586 22

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$37.39; envelope system, \$326.59; subscriptions, \$158.28; Women's Associations' \$230.52; Sunday School, \$23.40; other sources, \$70.04; total, \$856.22.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 160.

Insurance, \$1,200.

Bishop's Address, pages 90, 91, 95.

Grace Church, Holland, Ottawa County. (1866.)

The REV. F. C. COOLBAUGH, in temporary charge.

Baptized—Infant,	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 24; received, 2; died, 2; present number,	-	-	-	-
male, 2; female, 22; total,	-	-	-	24
Burials,	-	-	-	4
Public Services—Sundays, 6; week days, 25; total,	-	-	-	31
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	3
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 40; children, 51; total,	-	-	-	91
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	6
Pupils, male, 17; female, 22; total,	-	-	-	39

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$18 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	17 51
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	-	-	12 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$48 01

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$30.00; individual gifts, \$2.00; Sunday School, \$12.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$3,500.

Indebtedness.—Secured, \$1,400.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Insurance, \$2,500.

Christ's Church, Homer, Oalhoun County. (1841.)

The REV. BELNO A. BROWN, Rector. (1884.)

Stephen A. LaDow, Fourette Collins, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Last reported, 18; received, 1; died, 2; present number,						
male, 6; female, 11; total,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Public Services Sundays, 26; week days, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	-	28
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 35; children, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	-	47
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Sunday School—Teachers, male,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pupils, male, 7; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$45 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,					175 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	-	175 00
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	\$395 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$45.00; subscriptions, \$175.00; individual gifts, \$175.00; total, \$395.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,000.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Insurance, \$1,200.

Calvary Mission, Howard City, Montcalm County. (1880)

In temporary charge of REV. M. S. WOODRUFF.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	6
Congregation—Number of families, 5; adults and children,	-	-	20

No Church property.

Visits have been made to the people and services held by the Rector of S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.

I have to report that I have made but one visit to Reed City and one to Howard City where the services of the Church are held. I signified to our Church people in both places my willingness to have services at any time, except Sundays, when such services were desired. No request has been made to me from either place for service. I am ready at any time to visit these points when a wish is expressed for the services of the Church. I have held one service at Newaygo.

S. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County. (1842.)

The REV. E. GAINES NOCK, Rector. (1885.)

Ethan T. Montgomery, James Vosper, Wardens.

Mr. James Vosper, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 18; adult, 3; total, 21; confirmed,	-	-	3
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Communicants—Last reported, 82; admitted, 3; received, 6; total added,	
9; removed, 5; present number, male, 20; female, 66; total,	86
Marriages, 3; burials,	7
Public Services—Sundays, 94; week days, 71; total,	165
Holy Communion—Public, 32; private, 1;	
Congregation—Families, 46; adults, 102; children, 52; total,	154
Catechising—Number of times,	12
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 5; total,	7
Pupils, male, 15; female, 37; total,	52
Average attendance,	33
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$17 95
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,133 29
The increase and improvement of Church property,	147 36
Paid on indebtedness,	153 05
By the Sunday School, for its own purposes,	15 51
Total for Parochial Objects,	1,467 16
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	7 35
Foreign Missions,	5 86
Home Missions for Colored People,	4 30
Indian Missions,	4 10
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	2 73
Society for Increase of the Ministry,	1 93
American Church Building Fund Commission,	2 66
Woman's Auxilliary, Missionary boxes and cash,	41 39
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	4 49
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	67 46
Total of Offerings,	\$1,541 97

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$196.57; pew rents, \$1,070.40; Women's Associations, \$255.00; Sunday School, \$20.00; total, \$1,541.97.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$10,000.00; chapel, \$600.00; total, \$10,600.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$543.75; secured, \$1,000.00.

The Church is free since Easter; whole number of sittings, 375.

Insurance, \$6,500.

I have held services twelve times at Greenville, baptized one infant and officiated at one funeral. I have also officiated once at Stanton and baptized two children.

Bishop's Address, pages 94, 95, 96.

S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co. (1838.)

The REV. ROBERT ELLIS JONES, Rector. (1884.)

Henry Brees, Edwin H. VanDeusen, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 12; total, 25; confirmed, - 24

Communicants—Last reported, 240; admitted, 36; received, 21; total added, 57; died, 4; removed, 7; suspended, 2; total lost, 16; present number, male, 55; female, 246; total,	301
Marriages, 4; burials,	9
Public Services—Sundays, 92; week days, 33; total,	125
Holy Communion—Public, 21; private, 7;	
Congregation—Number of families, 200; individuals not included in families, 58; adults, 442; children, 137; total,	637
Catechising—Number of times,	24
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 12; total,	15
Pupils, male, 76; female, 101; total,	177
Average attendance,	120

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$133 90
For the Sunday School,	61 22
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	3,113 63
The increase and improvement of Church property,	15,067 27
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	49 32
Total for Parochial Objects,	18,425 34
Diocesan Missions,	212 00
Assessment of the Convention,	111 25
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	34 54
Deaf-Mute Fund,	12 70
Willing Hands to Bishop's Fund,	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	385 49
Domestic Missions,	37 05
Foreign Missions,	50 00
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	19 66
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	45 98
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	152 67
Total of Offerings,	\$18,963 50

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$588.14; envelope system, \$2,698.31; Individual gifts, \$14,907.10; Women's Associations, \$528.92; sale of property, \$21.00; Sunday School, \$95.28; other sources, \$124.75; total, \$18,963.50.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$50,000.00; chapel, \$1,000; rectory, \$5,000.00; total, \$56,000.00.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$11,600.07; secured, \$3,400.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 700.

Insurance, \$20,200.

Bishop's Address, pages, 87, 91, 94, 96.

Kalkaska, Kalkaska County.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Baptized—Infant,	1
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Communicants—Present number, male, 5; female, 6; total,	-	11
Public Services—Sundays,	-	8
Holy Communion—Public,	-	3

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of the Bishop's visitations,	-	\$4 25
Diocesan Missions, including special Easter offering of S. S.,	-	15 87
Total of Offerings,	-	\$20 12

An earnest layman here has maintained a Sunday School in his own house.

Bishop's Address, page 88.

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

The REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1873.)

W. H. Phillips, Augustus W. Foy, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 5; confirmed,	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 40; admitted, 3; received, 3; total added, 6;		
died, 1; removed, 3; dropped, 6; total lost, 10; present number, male, 9;		
female, 27; total,	-	36
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	4
Public Services—Sundays, 104 week days, 35; total,	-	142
Holy Communion—Public,	-	11
Congregation—Families, 21; adults, 50; children, 38; total,	-	88
Catechising—Number of times,	-	8
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 6; total,	-	7
Pupils, male, 14; female, 32; total,	-	46
Average attendance,	-	36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	\$198 97
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	30 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	76 75
Carpet and other expenses,	-	143 36
By the Sunday School for its expenses,	-	32 50
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	481 58
Diocesan Missions.	-	10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	6 40
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	1 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	17 40
Domestic Missions,	-	1 00
Foreign Missions,	-	1 48

Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	2 48
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$501 48

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Envelope System, \$154.00; individual gifts, \$69.00; Women's Associations, \$216.46; Sunday School, \$32.50; other sources, \$29.50; total, \$501.46.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$3,800.00; other property, \$200.00; total, \$4,000.00.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$18.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 220.

Insurance, \$2,000.00.

Missionary services have been held at Scottsville.

The ladies say the next thing the seats, then a big pipe organ. The vestry say they are not prepared to call a clergyman permanently yet. All is peace and harmony.

FORMAN.—At Forman we have no communicants, the place is small and there is no prospect for the service there. The place consists mostly of one little old shingle mill.

CHASE.—We have now only two communicants at Chase. There are two or three families there nominally Church people, but very little or no interest for the future prosperity of the Church is manifested on their part. Schism seems to be the prevailing principle religiously, and the people are willing to have it so.

Bishop's Address, page 92.

Luther, Lake County.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 3; total,	-	-	4
Public Services—Sunday,	-	-	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Local object,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 10
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3 10

Since the Convention the Church interest has materially increased, a Sunday School has been commenced, and there have been several baptisms.

S Paul's Church, Manistee, Manistee County. (1876.)

The REV. W. S. HAYWARD, Missionary. (1881.)

William Vincent, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 15; confirmed,	-	-	-	1
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Communicants—Last reported, 32; admitted, 9; received, 2; total added, 11; died, 3; removed, 3; dropped, 1; total lost, 7; present number, male, 7; female, 29; total,	36
Marriages, 4; burials,	6
Public Services—Sundays, 135; week days, 36; total,	171
Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 4;	
Congregation—Families, 32; baptized adults, 158; baptized children, 94; total,	252
Catechising—Number of times,	91
Two Sunday Schools most of year—Teachers, male, 2; female, 3; total,	5
Pupils, male, since Advent, 1885, 66; female, since Advent, 1885, 64; total,	130
Average attendance, A. M., 19; P. M.,	17
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 54; S. S. Library,	331

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$6 36	
For the Sunday School (by two members),	50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	288 03	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	34 77	
Total for Parochial Objects,		329 66
Diocesan Missions,	16 92	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 00	
Deaf-Mute Mission,	1 03	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		19 95
General Missions,	15 17	
Domestic Missions,	6 84	
Foreign Missions,	5 74	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 89	
Indian Missions,	1 35	
Nashotah Theological School,	3 00	
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	1 28	
American Church Building Fund,	1 00	
General Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	3 03	
Society for Increase of the Ministry,	2 00	
Mexican Mission, 76 cents; Church at Raymond, Minn., \$1.00;	1 76	
N. Y. Children's Aid Society,	82	
Three Missionary Boxes, value and freight,	47 35	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		91 23
Total of Offerings,		\$440 84

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$219.26; individual gifts, \$182.28; income from investments, \$4.37; Sunday School, \$21.80; other sources, \$13.15; total, \$440.84.

Value of Church property.—The church lot, \$450.00; Building Fund, \$234.30; Rent Fund, \$8.86; other property insured, \$200.00; total, \$893.16.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$71.52.

A very small portion of the offerings above reported for objects outside the Parish came from the Mission, as our missionary givers having removed, the pleasure of giving has principally devolved upon the Missionary's family.

The Missionary was obliged to give up the services and Sunday School on the north side for the present, it being too wearing upon his strength. Besides the

services in the rented hall on the south side of the river, and those on the north side, services have been held in Filer, Filer City, East Lake, and the county jail. Church and Sunday School papers have been received, for which the Missionary expresses his grateful thanks as well as for additions to our Church Building Fund—total, \$44.50. The Missionary has suffered much from sickness.

Bishop's Address, page 89.

Missions in Manistee, Benzie and Wexford Counties.

The REV. W. S. HAYWARD, Missionary. (1881.)

Baptized—Infant,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 9; admitted, 1; removed, 1; present number, male, 3; female, 6; total,	-	-	-	-	9
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	3
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 51; baptized adults, 171; baptized children, 64; total,	-	-	-	-	235
Sunday School—Teachers, female,	-	-	-	-	1
Pupils, total, about,	-	-	-	-	14
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, about	-	-	-	-	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - \$16 10

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$4.10; individual gifts, \$12.00; total \$16.10.

Outside of Manistee and Filer townships, the Missionary has done work in 12 townships; scores of Prayer Books and Bibles, and thousands of Church and S. S. papers and Tracts have been distributed the past year, a sowing, which with God's blessing, will spring up in future years and bring forth abundantly.

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County. (1836.)

The REV. J. E. WALTON, Rector. (1879.)

J. H. Montgomery, J. M. Parsons, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 8; total, 11; confirmed,	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Last reported, 146; admitted, 9; received, 1; total added, 10; died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number, male, 39; female, 113; total,	-	-	-	152
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	-	-	18
Public Services—Sundays, 116; week days, 60; total,	-	-	-	176
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1;	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 87; adults, 136; children, 69; total,	-	-	-	204

Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	9
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 3; female, 13; total,	-	-	-	16
Pupils, male, 40; female, 66; total,	-	-	-	106
Average attendance,	-	-	-	96
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$26 52	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,544 27		
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	40 00	
By the Sunday School, for support of S. S.,	-	14 60	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	1,625 39
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	108 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	20 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc ,	-	-	13 54
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	141 54
General Missions,	-	-	38 43
Domestic Missions,	-	-	10 37
Foreign Missions,	-	-	4 16
Home Missions for Colored People,	-	-	4 00
Indian Missions,	-	-	2 72
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	5 82
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	5 85
By the Sunday School, for Missions,	-	-	11 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	82 94
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$1,849 87

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$203.00; pew rents, \$1,099 65; envelope system, \$483.62; subscriptions, \$40.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$12,000.00; rectory, \$3,400; total, \$15,400.00.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$300.00.

The seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 450; number of free sittings, 100.

Insurance, \$10,800.

Services have been held in jail and county house.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

S. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County. (1867.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Present number, male, 6; female, 10; total,	-	-	16
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	2
Holy Communion,	-	-	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$3 00
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The church building has passed out of the possession of the Parish. Other property is held in charge by Edwin Stewart, M. D., including a valuable organ, Communion vessels Chancel books and Altar linen.

S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. (1876.)

The Rev. J. A. McGLONE, Missionary. (1884)

Wm. N. Brown, Warden; R. D. Balmer, Treasurer; Wm. I. Cutler, Secretary.

Baptized—Infants, 4; confirmed,	-	-	-	18
Communicants—Last reported, 60; admitted, 18; received, 15; total added, 33; removed, 2; present number, male, 34; female, 57; total,	-	-	-	91
Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	-	6
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days, 23; total,	-	-	-	121
Holy Communion—Public, 20; private, 2;	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 38; adults, 93; children, 44; total,	-	-	-	137
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	49
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	-	6
Pupils, male, 15; female, 35; total,	-	-	-	50
Average attendance,	-	-	-	40
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$3 00	
For the Sunday School,	-	5 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	600 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	1,366 00	
By the Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	-	15 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	1,989 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	20 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	1 10
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	21 10
Domestic Missions,	-	-	5 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$2,015 10

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$105.00; subscriptions, \$325.00; individual gifts, \$10.00; Women's Associations, \$360.00; Sunday School, \$15.00; other sources, \$1,000.10; total, \$2,015.10.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$4,000.00; rectory, \$2,500.00; total \$6,500.00.

Indebtedness.—Secured, \$900.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

Missionary Services have been held at Evart, Poor House, etc.

Bishop's Address, pages 90, 93.

S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

The Rev. J. N. RIPPY, M. D., Rector. (1884.)

J. B. Murphy, E. G. Rote, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 18; adult, 1; confirmed,	-	-	8
Communicants—Last reported, 91; admitted, 8; received, 12; total added, 20; died 2; present number, male, 22; female, 87; total during the year,	-	-	109

Number confirmed members,	-	-	-	-	155
Marriages, 9; burials,	-	-	-	-	14
Public Services—Sundays, 139; week days, 116; total,	-	-	-	-	255
Holy Communion—Public, 36; private, 2;	-	-	-	-	-
Congregation (estimated)—Families, 90; adults, 250; children, 175; total,	-	-	-	-	425
Catechising—Number of times, frequently.	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 4; female, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	16
Pupils enrolled, male, 57; female, 80; total,	-	-	-	-	131
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	68
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 22; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aims at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$28 98	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,606 43	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	417 60	
Paid on indebtedness,	-	503 28	
S. Luke's Mission and S. S.,	-	12 92	
Ladies' Aid Society, rent of rectory,	-	150 00	
" " sundry Church purposes,	-	130 69	
S. Agnes' Guild,	-	21 95	
By the Sunday School, for expenses,	-	54 92	
" " " festival,	-	36 90	
Young Ladies' Organ Fund,	-	35 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-		2,998 57
Diocesan Missions,	-	30 00	
Assesment of the Convention,	-	51 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	5 28	
Deaf-Mute Mission,	-	1 50	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	10 00	
By E. G. Rote,	-	5 00	
By J. N. Rippey,	-	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-		113 53
Domestic Missions,	-	4 40	
Foreign Missions,	-	2 20	
Home Missions for Colored People,	-	4 73	
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	2 68	
Society for Increase of Ministry,	-	6 16	
Infirm Clergy (general),	-	3 25	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	-	23 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-		46 42
Total of Offering,	-		\$3,158 52

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$404.73; back pew rents, \$43.33; envelope system, \$1,620.80; subscriptions, \$245.00; Women's Associations, \$693.01; Sunday School, \$124.72; other sources, \$28.93; total, \$3,158.52.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$5,000; chapel and school house, \$1,000; total, \$6,000.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$525.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 300.

Insurance, \$3,300.

Woman's Auxilliary, one Missionary box, value, \$15.00. The free pews and the

envelope system have worked admirably the past year. A vested choir has been introduced. The interior of the church has been beautifully frescoed, and chancel re-arranged, with choir seats to accommodate thirty. The attendance is full fifty per cent. better than one year ago. Unity and harmony prevail in every department of Church work. The Woman's Auxiliary has been formed, and also a S. Agnes' Guild of young ladies. The Bible Class of young ladies are working for an organ fund.

Bishop's Address, pages 90, 91, 94.

S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1876.)

In temporary charge of Clergy from Grand Rapids.

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

Communicants—Last reported, 20; received, 1; present number, male, 3; female, 18; total, - - - - -	21
Marriage, - - - - -	1
Public Services—Sundays, 10; week days, about 28; total, - - - - -	38
Holy Communion—Public, - - - - -	2
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 35; children, 35; total, - - - - -	70
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 4, total, - - - - -	6
Pupils, male, 10; female, 26; total, - - - - -	36
Average attendance, about, - - - - -	30
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, - - - - -	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	\$70 06
The Increase and Improvement of Church property, -	43 50
Paid on Indebtedness, - - - - -	126 91
Unappropriated, - - - - -	123 46
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	363 93
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	12 15
General Missions, - - - - -	2 21
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	78
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	2 99
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$379 07

The sources of the contributions, reported above are the Offertory, \$17. 2; subscriptions, \$61.47; individual gifts, \$10 00; Women's Associations, \$218.49; Sunday School, \$14.39; other sources, \$42.06; total, \$363.93.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$1,800.00; rectory, \$400.00.

Indebtedness.—Secured, \$500.00.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, chairs, 160.

Insurance, none.

The Mission feels grateful to the Rector and S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, for the gift of a beautiful chancel window. Week day services have been stately held by the Rev. E. S. Burford and Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh.

Bishop's Address, page 89, 91.

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

The REV. COLIN C. TATE, Rector. (1878.)

Rufus W. Landon, J. Eastman Johnson, Wardens.

Worth Landon, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 11; confirmed,	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 247; received, 2; died, 6; removed, 5; dropped, 12; total lost, 23; present number, male, 50; female, 176; total,				226
Marriages, 6; burials,	-	-	-	9
Public Services—Sundays, 120; week days, 75; total,	-	-	-	195
Holy Communion—Public, 40; private, 1;	-	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 120; adults, 200; children, 120; total,	-	-	-	320
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	24
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 8; total,	-	-	-	9
Pupils, male, 40 female, 50; total,	-	-	-	90
Average attendance,	-	-	-	50
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$5 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	1,492 10
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	125 00
By the Sunday School, for books and papers,	-	20 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	1,642 10
Diocesan Missions,	-	26 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	26 30
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	14 70
By the Sunday School, for Missions,	-	20 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	87 00
Domestic Missions,	-	14 00
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	1 25
Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, Tokio,	-	7 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	22 25
Total of Offerings,	-	\$1,751 35

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$328 96; pew rents, \$497.00; subscriptions, \$327 53; Women's Associations, \$557.86; Sunday School, \$40.00; total, \$1,751.35.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$15,000.00; rectory, \$1,300.00; other property, \$50.00; total, \$16,350.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$200.00; secured, \$1,500.00.

The seats are rented; whole number of sittings, 450; number of free sittings, 250.

Insurance \$2,000.00.

Have held two services at Paw Paw and visited the people. Held services for one month at Harbor Springs.

Bishop's Address, pages, 88, 94.

S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, Van Buren County. (1851.)

In temporary charge of the REV. C. C. TATE, Niles.

Communicants—Last reported, 13; received, 1; total added, 4; removed,			
1; present number, male, 1; female, 15; total,	-	-	16
Public Services—Sundays, 8; week days, 2; total,	-	-	10
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	4
Congregation—Families, 10; children,	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, female,	-	-	3
Pupils, male, 4; female, 8; total,	-	-	12

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of the Bishop's visitation,	-	-	\$4 00	
Expenses of the Rev. Mr. Tate,	-	-	4 00	
Painting the church,	-	-	45 00	
By the Sunday School, for expenses,	-	-	4 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	57 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	8 69
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	3 14
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	11 83
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	1 03
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	1 03
By the Sunday School, for General Missions, Easter Offering,	-	-	3 50	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	5 56
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$74 39

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$18.78;
 Women's Associations, \$55.00; Sunday School, \$7.50.
 Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,500.
 The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 175.
 Insurance, \$2,500.

Bishop's Address, pages 87, 91.

S. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1877.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

J. W. Loomis, Warden; G. H. Cleveland, Secretary.

O. H. Dean, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 5; confirmed,	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 17; admitted, 4; received, 1; total added,				
5; present number, male, 5; female, 17; total,	-	-	-	22
Public Services—Sundays, 49; week days, 2; total,	-	-	-	51
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	5
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 35; children, 15; total,	-	-	-	50
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total,	-	-	-	5
Pupils, male, 4; female, 8; total,	-	-	-	12
Average attendance,	-	-	-	19

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Sunday School, Christmas tree,	-	-	\$15 00
" " " Easter,	-	-	4 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	20 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	5 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	132 50
By the Sunday School for its own support,	-	-	13 44
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	190 63
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	15 56
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	2 20
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	17 76
General Missions,	-	-	2 21
Foreign Missions,	-	-	78
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	5 21
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	8 20
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$216 59

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$43.55; envelope system, \$41.61; subscriptions, \$66.25; Women's Associations, \$147.50; Sunday School, \$37 64; total, \$338.55.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$1,200.

Indebtedness.—Floating, \$8.11; secured, \$225.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Insurance, \$600.

Bishop's Address, pages 88, 93.

S. John's Church, Quincy, Branch County. (1882.)

In charge of the REV. HENRY HUGHES, Coldwater.

H. D. Pessell, Warden.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 21; total,	-	-	22
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	10
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	3
Congregation—Families,	-	-	14
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	6
Pupils, male, 7; female, 15; total,	-	-	22
Average attendance,	-	-	17

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$22 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	7 19
Domestic Missions,	-	-	76
Foreign Missions,	-	-	76
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	1 52
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$31 21

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$9.34; subscriptions, \$22.50; individual gifts, \$2.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$800.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 100.

No insurance.

Bishop's Address, page 91.

S. James' Church, Rockford, Kent County. (1881.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

George T. Saunders, Acting Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 5; confirmed,	-	-	3
Communeants—Last reported, 16; admitted, 3; received, 4; total added,	-	-	-
7; present number, male, 5; female, 18; total,	-	-	23
Public Services—Sundays, 72; week days, 5; total.	-	-	77
Holy Communion—Public, 4; private, 1;	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 18; adults, 32; children, 29; total,	-	-	61
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	4
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	-	-	6
Pupils, male, 10; female, 39; total,	-	-	49
Average attendance,	-	-	30
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	400

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	\$52 22
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	101 02
W. C. T. U.,	-	70
By the Sunday School, for school expenses,	-	18 02
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	172 86
Diocesan Missions,	-	2 06
General Missions,	-	2 55
Total of Offerings,	-	\$177 47

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$54.09; individual gifts, \$59.79; Women's Associations, \$76.15; Sunday School, \$18.02; other sources, \$3.30; total, \$211.35.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$1,765; other property, \$298.92; total, \$2,063.92.

Indebtedness.—Secured, \$500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150

Insurance, \$1,500.

Cash in hand toward meeting the first instalment and interest of our bonded debt, due in October, \$35.48, and we also have \$70.00 pledged toward the same.

Bishop's Address, pages 87, 89, 94, 95.

Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

James H. Kellmer, William Whitney, Wardens.

Communicants—Present number, female,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8 60
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Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,000.

The Church is free ; whole number of sittings, 300.

No insurance.

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

The REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, officiating.

Alfred B. Taylor, John Priest, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 6 ; confirmed,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Last reported, 25 ; admitted, 2 ; received, 1 ; total added, 3 ; died, 2 ; removed, 1 ; total lost, 3 ; present number, male, 7 ; female, 18 ; total,	-	-	-	-	25
Marriage, 1 ; burials,	-	-	-	-	4
Public Services—Sundays, 52 ; week days, 15 ; total,	-	-	-	-	67
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	12
Congregation—Families, 35 ; adults, 46 ; children, 50 ; total,	-	-	-	-	96
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	6
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2 ; female, 6 ; total,	-	-	-	-	8
Pupils, male, 25 ; female, 35 ; total,	-	-	-	-	60
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	40
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	175

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the poor,	-	-	-	-	\$6 66
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance (paid to the Rector, \$24.74),	-	-	-	-	100 00
Gifts to the Rector,	-	-	-	-	24 00
By the Sunday School, for S. S. books,	-	-	-	-	27 28
“ “ “ lesson papers and S. S. papers,	-	-	-	-	13 35
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	171 29
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	9 55
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	7 12
Expenses of Convocation,	-	-	-	-	11 92
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	33 59

General Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	1 46
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	1 78
Home Missions for Colored People,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Church Building Commission,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
" " " Hobart Guild, Ann Arbor,	-	-	-	-	-	1 70
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	13 44
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$218 32

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$102.54; individual gifts, \$64.15; Sunday School, \$45.33.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$3,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 250.

Insurance, \$2,000.

Bishop's Address, page 89.

Stanton, Montcalm County

In charge of the General Missionary.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adult, 1; total, 3; confirmed,	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Present number, male, 2; female 9; total,	-	-	-	11
Public Services—Sundays, 6; week day,	-	-	-	1
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of the Bishop's visitation,	-	-	-	\$3 35
Local purposes (books),	-	-	-	2 75
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	7 93
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	87
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$14 90

Bishop's Address, page 91.

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1868)

In charge of the REV. J. W. BANCROFT, General Missionary.

Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 25; admitted, 4; removed, 3; present number, male, 7; female, 19; total,	-	-	-	-	26
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 6; week day, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	9
Holy Communion—Public, 4; private, 1;	-	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 16; adults and children,	-	-	-	-	40
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	2
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$7 76
Assessment of the Convention (arrears),	-	-	-	-	12 63
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	20 39
General Missions,	-	-	-	-	50
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	1 20
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	1 19
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	2 89
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$23 28

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$9.65; subscriptions, \$11.63; Sunday School, \$2.00.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$4,000.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 400.

Insurance, \$2,000.

The Sunday School is discontinued.

The balance of rent money last year was \$30.50; of this sum, \$21.43 has been used for repairs, leaving a balance of \$9.07.

Bishop's Address, pages 90, 92.

Grace Church, Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co. (1873.)

The REV. J. S. LARGE, Rector. (1879.)

E. L. Sprague, C. E. Lockwood, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 5; total, 12; confirmed,	-	-	2
Communicants Last reported, 41; admitted, 2; received, 3; total added, 5;	-	-	-
removed, 8; present number, male, 6; female, 32; total,	-	-	38
Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	2
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 16; total,	-	-	116
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	12
Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 75; children, 50; total,	-	-	125
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers, female,	-	-	9
Pupils, male, 20; female, 30; total,	-	-	50
Average attendance,	-	-	40
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 30; S. S. Library,	-	-	300

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	\$465 00
By the Sunday School, for its own support,	-	6 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	471 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	14 48
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	5 52
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	20 00

Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	5 00
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	-	-	4 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	14 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$505 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$233; subscriptions, \$125; Women's Associations, \$102; Sunday School, \$30; other sources, \$15; total, \$505.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,000.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$400.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 150.

Insurance. \$1,500.

Visited Cadillac twice, but had no opportunity of giving them service. Have not visited Glen Haven, as they had a clergyman visiting them at the time I proposed going. Have not visited Northport as they do not seem to wish for any services.

Bishop's Address, pages 89, 92.

S. John's Church, Tustin, Osceola County.

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Last reported, 6; present number, male, 3; female, 2; total,	5
Public Services—Sundays,	6
Holy Communion—Public,	2
Congregation—Families, 4; adults and children,	20
CONTRIBUTION.	
Diocesan Missions,	\$5 22

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1865.)

In temporary charge of the General Missionary.

Hiram Crissy, H. F. Ewers, Wardens.

Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 30; died, 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present number, male, 8; female, 18; total,	-	-	-	-	26
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	-	-	-	2
Public Services—Sundays, 77; week days, 49; total,	-	-	-	-	126
Holy Communion—Public, 21; private, 1;	-	-	-	-	-
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 46; children, 8; total,	-	-	-	-	54
Number of volumes, Parish Library,	-	-	-	-	20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Offertory (not at Holy Communion),	-	-	-	\$44 33	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	419 33	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-		463 66
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	5 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	2 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	-	-	-	1 65	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-		8 65
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	2 20	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	1 10	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	2 10	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-		5 40
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$477 71	

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$58.38; subscriptions, \$325; Women's Associations, \$50.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,600.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 350.

No insurance.

Missionary services have been held: Three Rivers, 3; Schoolcraft, 3; one infant baptism at Schoolcraft. The Rev. Mr. Wetherbee resigned the Rectorship of this Parish, March 1, 1886.

Bishop's Address, page 90.

Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon Co. (1870.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Last reported, 43; total lost, 12; present number, male, 5;

female, 26; total,	-	-	-	-	-	31
Burial,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Congregation—Families, 35; adults, 70; children, 45; total,	-	-	-	-	-	115
Sunday School—Teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Pupils, male, 7; female, 25; total,	-	-	-	-	-	32
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Number of volumes, Parish Library, 1; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	\$7 25
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	19 11
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	21 11
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$28 36

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, \$21.11; Sunday School, \$7.25; total, \$28.36.

Value of Church property.—The church, \$2,500.

The Church is free; whole number of sittings, 125.

Insurance, \$2,500.

Bishop's Address, page 89.

Reports of Places Where a Single Service, or Occasional Services Have Been Held During the Year.

ADVANCE, Charlevoix County. Visited by the General Missionary. One resident Church family. Two or three others a few miles distant. Four Communicants, Two Sunday Services. Offering for Diocesan Missions, \$1.55.

MANTON, Wexford County. Visited by the General Missionary. Baptized, adult, 1; children, 3; total, 4. Communicants, female, 3. Public Services, Sundays, 2; week days, 2; total, 4. Offering for Diocesan Missions, \$1.50; local expenses, 44 cents. Three or four families here, or within two miles.

PETOSKEY, Emmet County. Public Services, Sundays, 1. Number of Communicants, 4. Baptized, adult, 1.

Bishop's Address, page 88.

REED CITY, Osceola County. Public Services, week days, 3. Visited by the General Missionary four times. Number of Communicants, 4. Confirmed, 3. In charge of the Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Big Rapids, whose report, see.

SCHOOLCRAFT, Kalamazoo County. Rev. Artemas Wetherbee, Late Missionary. Baptized, infant, 1. Communicants, present number, female, 7. Congregation, families, 5; adults, 12; children, 9; total, 21. Only three services were held here during the year.

Reports of Places Where Services Have Been Held, But Are Not Now Held.

CADILLAC, Wexford County. Visited once by the General Missionary. A few nominal Church people were seen, but no desire expressed for services.

HERSEY, Osceola County. Visited once by the General Missionary. Four families were seen, five Communicants reported, and services were desired, but they could not be rendered.

SOUTH HAVEN, Van Buren County. Visited once by the General Missionary. Twelve Communicants were found, but the offer of an occasional service elicited no favorable response.

STURGIS, St. Joseph County. Visited once by the General Missionary. Holy Communion, private, 1. Communicants, present number, 6.

PERSONAL REPORTS.

THE REV. JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, HASTINGS. (1865.)

GENERAL MISSIONARY.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The following is a tabulated report of my labors as General Missionary of the Diocese for the period from August 2, 1885, to May 30, 1886, inclusive:

PLACES VISITED.	Sunday Services. Services or visits during week.	HOLY COMMUNION.		Number Communing.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmations.	OFFERINGS.		Local Objects.
		Public.	Private.		Adults.	Children.		Diocesan Missions.	General Missions.	
Advance	2							\$1 55		
Saldwin	2		1	1				95		
Cadillac	4	1								
Charlevoix	4		1	13				9 10		
Charlotte	4	2							\$1 00	
Eaton Rapids.	4	2		4				5 10		
Evart	2	1	1							
*Greenville	4			13				12 59		
*Harbor Springs	4		2	6				4 77		
Hartford	4	1								
*Holland	4		2	10				7 23		\$2 08
*Kalkaska	6		3	11		1		10 86		
Luther	2							2 00		1 10
Manton	2	3			1	3		1 50		44
Mendon	1		1	11				3 00		
Montague	1	2								
*Newaygo	6		1	10				9 42	1 21	
*Paw Paw	4		2	14				8 69	3 50	
*Pentwater	6			16		3	4	9 86	5 89	
*Quincy	4		2	15				7 19		
Petoskey		1								
Reed City		5								
*Rockford	6	3	2	10	8	1	3	1 46	2 55	4 28
Saranac	2		1	9				3 60		
Shelby		1								
South Haven		1								
Stanton	4		1	14	1			7 93		2 75
Sturgis		1		2						
Three Rivers	4		2	10				4 44	50	
Tustin	6		2	4				5 22		
*Whitehall	7		4	16				13 71		
	88	24	33	2	5	8	10	\$130 17	\$14 65	\$10 65

* These have Sunday Schools.

I have also preached once in S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, and once in the Chapel of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER. (1871.)

I have officiated seven Sundays at morning service in S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, and celebrated the Holy Communion on Easter Morning; performed the marriage service twice, and the burial service once; and assisted the Bishop three Sundays.

REPORT OF REV. A. W. MANN, GENERAL MISSIONARY TO DEAF-MUTES.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

Since the date of my last report, I have held services for deaf-mutes at the following places: S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids; S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo; S. John's Church, Grand Haven; S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek. The services at the two latter places were "combined." The Rev. John Chamberlain was associated with me in two services.

Besides the above reported work, I have ministered, as in the past eleven years, in other Dioceses. My missionary field now embraces 14 dioceses, comprising an area of 615,000 square miles, with a deaf mute population of 9,000. Being few and widely scattered, their missionary must needs travel quite extensively in his ministrations. The Services at Grand Rapids have been attended by persons from Muskegon, Holland, Hastings, Ross, Byron Centre, and other points.

In one respect my work in the State School, located at Flint, is related to this Diocese. Nearly one-half of the pupils are from Western Michigan.

Baptized—At S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo,	-	-	4
Confirmations—At S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo,	-	-	2

RECEIPTS.

Stipend	\$75 00
Combined Service, Grand Haven	1 37
" " Grand Rapids.....	5 00
" " Battle Creek	6 00
" " Kalamazoo.....	12 70
Deaf-Mute Services, Grand Rapids.....	3 59
" " Kalamazoo	4 89
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	\$108 55

In closing, I desire, heartily, to thank the brethren of the clergy for all kind furtherance received at their hands in the pursuit of this work; and the officers of the railway lines for their generosity in providing special facilities for travel, without which there is every reason to believe that the work could not be pursued to its present extent and usefulness.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Right Reverend, the Bishop, and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions reports for the year from June 1st, 1885, to June 1st, 1886, boxes with their estimated value, and cash disbursed, by eleven parishes, represented in the Association as follows:

MISSIONARY BOXES.

PARISHES.	No.	Value.
Battle Creek, S. Thomas', Diocesan Missionary	1	\$25 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's Industrial Band, <i>Altar Hangings</i>	1	30 06
Young Ladies' Bible Class, Easter Offering for Missions to Colored People, sent to Mrs. Bessie Brent, Gordon- donsville, Va	1	58 55
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, for Diocesan Missionary	1	42 60
Willing Hands Society, for Diocesan Mission- ary	1	17 50
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, Willing Hands Society, Children's Home	1	9 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd, Diocesan Missionary	1	20 04
Christmas gifts sent to the Rev. Mr. Robin- son, for his Indian Work, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota	1	15 00
Marshall, Trinity, Diocesan Missionary	1	5 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's, Diocesan Missionary	1	25 00
Hastings, Emmanuel, Diocesan Missionary	2	11 75
Lecturn Cloth, Chapel at Homer	1	4 00
Surplice, Diocesan Missionary	1	10 00
Christmas gifts, Sunday School, sent to Rev. Mr. Robinson, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota	1	5 00
Ionia, S. John's, sent to Mrs. Brent, Gordonsville, Va.	2	13 20
Diocesan Missionary	1	4 00
"Little Gleaners," to Miss Shaw, Osaka, Japan	1	5 20
Little Gleaners, Christmas gifts, sent to Rev. Mr. Robinson, Dakota	1	6 10
Ionia, S. John's, sent to the Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	1	1 00
S. Paul's Mission, Manistee, to Oneida Missions	1	10 00
books sent to Clergyman burned out	1	28 35
Total value of Boxes		\$346 19

CASH DISBURSED.

Battle Creek, S. Thomas', Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, Tokio, Japan	\$5 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, Industrial Band, Miss Riddick's salary, Tokio ..	5 00
Domestic Missions	26 00
Diocesan Missionary	15 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's, Individual gift for Diocesan Missionary	5 10
Diocesan Missionary	7 70
Willing Hands Society, for Diocesan Missionary	15 00
Tokio Hospital	2 00
Marshall, Trinity, for Diocesan Missionary	21 00
Sunday School, Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	6 00
Hastings, Emmanuel, for Diocesan Missionary	2 00
Tokio Hospital	4 65
Sunday School, Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	6 00

Ionia, S. John's, Diocesan Missionary.....	2 50
" " House of Rest, Charleston, S. C.....	81
" " Hospital, Tacoma, Washington Ter.....	2 35
" " Diocesan Missionary.....	2 00
" " Tokio Hospital.....	3 15
" " Sunday School, Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	5 00
" " Little Gleaners, for Mrs. Brent's work.....	1 25
" " General Missions, sent to Miss Emery	5 20
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's, Tokio (Hospital)	4 98
Niles, Trinity, Diocesan Missionary Mite Chest	3 00
" " Bishop Gillespie Scholarship.....	7 00
" " Individual gift to Missionary.....	5 00
Total cash	<u>\$162 59</u>
	<u>346 19</u>
Total cash and boxes.....	\$608 78

RECEIVED.

From Diocesan Board of Missions for Diocesan expenses.....	\$15 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	2 00
Ionia, S. John's	1 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's	1 00
Greenville, S. Paul's Mission.....	1 00
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	1 00
Total for Diocesan expenses	<u>\$21 00</u>
Cash on hand.....	<u>\$3 00</u>

JULIA M. HADLEY,
Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—PROPERTY.

PARISHES.	Value of Church.	Value of Rectory.	Value of Other Property.	Insurance Carried.	Secured Indebtedness.	Floating Indebtedness.	Church Sittings Free.	Church Sittings Rented.	Property now held by The Vestry, Trustees, or the Association.
Albion, S. James'	\$4,500			\$3,500	\$800		200		Vestry.
Allegan, Good Shepherd	6,000	\$1,500	\$1,575	4,700	75	\$300	250		Vestry.
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	24,200	1,800		7,500			500		Vestry.
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	3,000	1,750	800	3,050	40	300	200		Vestry.
Coldwater, S. Mark's	14,000		2,500	7,500			400		Vestry.
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	5,255		625	4,000	840		250		Assoc' n.
Grand Haven, S. John's	6,000	1,500	3,000	3,700	750	228	50	200	Vestry.
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	65,000	12,000		29,750	6,000	1,000	350	950	Vestry.
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	6,000			2,000		15	250		Vestry.
Grand Rapids, Grace	18,000	2,280		3,500	1,000	163	300		Vestry.
Grand Rapids, Trinity	5,000			3,000		447	200		Assoc' n.
Hastings, Emmanuel	2,500			1,200			160		Vestry.
Holland, Grace	3,500			2,500	1,400		300		Assoc' n.
Homer, Christ's	2,000			1,200			150		Vestry.
Ionia, S. John	10,000		600	6,500	1,000	544	375		Vestry.
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	50,000	5,000	1,000	20,200	3,400	11,600	700		Vestry.
Ludington, Grace	3,800		200	2,000	18		220		Vestry.
Marshall, Trinity	12,000	3,400		10,800		300	160	350	Vestry.
Muskegon, S. Paul's	5,000		1,000	3,300		525	300		Vestry.
Niles, Trinity	15,000	1,300	50	2,900	1,500	200	200		Vestry.
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	2,500			2,000			175		Vestry.
Saranac, Trinity	2,000						300		Vestry.
Saugatuck, All Saints	3,000			2,000			250		Vestry.
Three Rivers, Trinity	4,000			2,000			400		Vestry.
Traverse City, Grace	2,000			1,500		400	150		Vestry.
Union City, Grace	2,000			*			350		Vestry.
Whitehall, Redeemer	2,500			2,500			125		Vestry.
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.									
Baldwin, S. Matthew's	600	400	60	860			90		Assoc' n.
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity	2,500			1,000	600	60	125		Trustees.
Charlotte, Grace			170						Assoc' n.
Coopersville, Epiphany	850			*			100		Assoc' n.
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias'	1,500			700			120		Assoc' n.
Evart, S. John's			600						Trustees.
Greenville, S. Paul's	1,800			1,500		42	250		Assoc' n.
Harbor Springs, S. John's	3,000			2,000		36	150		Assoc' n.
Manistee, S. Paul's	450		434	200		71			Assoc' n.
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	4,000	2,500		3,500	900		100		Assoc' n.
Newaygo, S. Mark's	1,800	400			500		100		Trustees.
Pentwater, S. James'	1,200			600	225	8	150		Trustees.
Quincy, S. John's	1,200			1,000			100		Assoc' n.
Rockford, S. James'	1,785		298	1,500	500		150		Assoc' n.
Tustin, S. John's			400	400			100		Trustees.
Mendon			400	400					
	\$290,820	\$33,810	\$13,312		\$20,583	\$16,239			

*Insured, amount not known.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—MEMBERSHIP.

PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.		CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.				MARRIAGES.	BURIALS.	FAMILIES.	Total Individuals.	Teachers.				Pupils.			
	Infants.	Adults.		Total.	Lost.	Added.	Present No.					Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
Albion, S. James'	8	2	10	4	4	5	15	45	60	2	4	25	115	3	1	4	10	25	35
Allegan, Good Shepherd	1	7	8	14	5	21	29	65	94	1	2	60	240	3	6	9	35	40	75
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	5	3	8	6	7	12	23	126	152	6	6	101	383	3	11	14	40	49	115
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	7	4	11	9	8	17	11	65	76	4	3	55	175	2	6	8	37	59	96
Coldwater, S. Mark's	5	1	6	1	8	7	30	108	138	3	5	83	284	3	7	10	30	72	102
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	12	1	13	10	1	13	12	42	54	2	1	34	103	3	5	8	38	54	92
Grand Haven, S. John's	8	3	11	10	1	25	25	67	92	1	1	48	178	1	10	11	38	54	92
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	23	8	31	19	281	74	180	323	503	15	21	275	1,700	9	12	21	151	218	369
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	6	1	7	3	2	9	15	62	77	4	3	60	179	3	9	12	50	65	115
Grand Rapids, Grace	4	4	12	13	24	28	128	154	184	3	10	110	375	5	7	12	28	69	115
Grand Rapids, Trinity	6	1	7	14	2	61	13	48	61	4	6	44	250	3	14	17	82	114	196
Hastings, Emmanuel	11	3	14	2	2	10	16	87	103	5	2	54	169	5	12	17	34	52	86
Holland, Grace	1	1	2	...	2	2	2	22	24	1	4	22	91	1	5	6	17	22	32
Homer, Christ's	2	2	4	...	2	2	1	6	11	17	2	15	47	1	1	2	7	5	19
Ionida, S. John	18	3	21	3	5	16	55	20	66	86	3	21	64	2	6	8	15	37	57
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	13	12	25	24	16	57	55	246	301	4	9	200	637	2	5	7	16	101	177
Ludington, Grace	3	5	8	1	10	6	9	27	36	2	4	21	88	1	6	7	14	32	46
Marshall, Trinity	8	1	9	8	4	10	38	113	152	2	18	87	204	3	13	16	40	66	106
Muskegon, S. Paul's	18	1	19	8	33	20	22	87	109	9	14	90	425	4	12	16	51	80	131
Niles, Trinity	11	11	22	4	23	2	50	76	226	6	9	129	320	1	8	9	40	50	90
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	15	16	...	...	10	35	...	3	3	4	8	12
Sagauc, Trinity	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	16	16	...	...	12	45	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saugatuck, All Saints'	6	...	6	2	3	3	7	18	25	1	4	35	96	2	6	8	25	35	60
Three Rivers, Trinity	...	...	...	...	3	4	7	19	26	1	1	16	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Traverse City, Grace	7	5	12	2	8	5	6	32	38	3	2	26	125	...	9	9	20	30	50
Union City, Grace	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	18	26	2	2	15	54	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whitehall, Redeemer	1	...	5	26	31	...	1	35	115	2	6	8	7	23	32

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—MEMBERSHIP. (Continued.)

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• ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's	2	4	6	6	1	1	1	5	30	2	3	5	13	10	23			
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity					1	4	4	23	70									
Charlotte, Grace					2	5	1	9	20									
Coopersville, Epiphany					3	1	1	10	7									
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias								5	6									
Evart, S. John's	1		1	1	3	1	4	12	8									
Greenville, S. Paul's	2	1	3	2				25	35									
Harbor Springs, S. John's					3	1	7	13	50									
Howard City Calvary					3	1	6	5	2									
Manistee, S. Paul's	15		16	1	2	33	29	5	25									
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	4	4	4	18			36	252	2									
Newaygo, S. Mark's					1	7	91	137	1	5	6	66	64	130				
Pentwater, S. James'					1	3	18	38	137	1	5	6	15	35	50			
Quincy, S. John's	5		5	4			21	36	70	2	4	6	10	23	36			
Rockford, S. James'	2	3	5	3			17	60	13	60	1	4	5	8	13			
Tustin, S. John's					1	7	22	52	14	52	1	5	6	7	15			
							23	61	18	61	1	5	6	10	39			
							5	4	20						49			
HAVING OCCASIONAL SERVICES.																		
Advance							2	3	11									
Charlevoix	2		2			4	15	15	65									
Kalkaska	1	1			6		6	20	6			1	5	2	7			
Luther	1	1	1			4	8	34	8									
Manistee County, etc.					1	1	3	51	235			1						
Manton	3	1	4			3	3	6	17						14			
Nendon					5		10	39	10	39					6			
Reed City	1	1	1	3		2	2	3	8	15					5			
Schoolcraft	2	1	3	1			7	21	5	21					8			
Stanton					3		9	9	9	24								
*222	†73	293	185	500	495	739	2,376	23,151	97	157	2,031	8,045	76	222	298	1,069	1,567	2,627

* Includes one at Bellaire by Bishop Gillespie.

† Includes one at Petoskey by Bishop Gillespie.

‡ Includes communicants at places not tabulated, viz: At East Jordan, 9; Herscy, 5; Petoskey, 4; South Haven, 12; and Sturgis, 6.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.					WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.					TOTALS.		TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.		
	PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN.				Domestic and General Missions.	Foreign and General Missions.	Home Missions to Col'd People.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of the Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.		Total from Sunday Schools.	
		Dioce- san Missions.	Dioce- san As- sessment.	Aged and In- firm Clergy.	Other Ob- jects.										Total for Di- ocean Ob- jects.
Albion, S. James'	\$2,049 00	\$39 00	\$38 25	\$4 00	\$22 00	\$94 25	\$16 50	\$11 50	\$59 00	\$9 68	281 68	200 00	45 00	\$25 00	\$2,049 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd	1,500 00	95 00	72 75	18 00	23 00	208 75	25 78	24 87	3 00	81 62	14 74	45 00	45 00	45 00	1,627 25
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	2,073 18	30 00	98 00	8 48		136 48	8 95	7 00	3 00	2 35	14 74	62 00	76 00	76 00	2,340 68
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	2,112 87	60 31	59 30	2 00		121 61	18 75	2 50		1 00	8 00	375 00	70 00	20 58	2,365 68
Coldwater, S. Mark's	3,890 00	60 31	59 30	2 00		121 61	18 75	2 50		2 44	8 00	200 16	70 00	70 00	4,032 86
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	1,438 49	10 00	19 85	7 20		37 05	2 24				2 24	150 16	99 37	99 37	1,467 78
Grand Haven, S. John's	1,388 48	593 00	311 50	87 50	37 15	1,029 15	71 50	71 50	\$59 00	59 68	281 68	285 71	88 75	88 75	1,389 85
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	7,051 45	15 00	21 80	4 15		40 95	1 60	6 17	3 00	2 35	14 74	200 53	67 24	67 24	8,342 28
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	803 71	60 00	64 45			124 45	4 00	4 00		1 00	10 59	366 61	17 81	17 81	919 40
Grand Rapids, Grace	2,739 57	60 00	64 45			124 45	4 00	4 00		2 44	8 00	230 52	89 36	89 36	2,874 61
Grand Rapids, Trinity	820 80	65 00	37 60	11 34	32 75	146 69	32 84	38 49			73 77	230 52	33 40	33 40	856 22
Hastings, Emmanuel	635 76	17 51				17 51		12 00			12 00		12 00	12 00	48 01
Holland, Grace	18 50														385 00
Homer, Christ	385 00			7 35		7 35	2 25	8 10	4 30	48 71	67 46	255 00	20 00	20 00	1,541 97
Ionia, S. John's	1,467 16	212 00	111 25	34 54	27 70	385 49	37 05	95 96		19 66	152 67	528 92	95 28	95 28	18,963 50
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	18,421 34	10 00	6 40	1 00		17 40	1 00	1 48			2 48	216 46	32 50	32 50	20,001 46
Ludington, Grace	481 58	108 00	20 00	13 54		141 54	35 38	23 17	4 00	2 72	82 94	28 19	28 19	28 19	1,849 87
Marshall, Trinity	1,621 36	2,998 57	55 00	51 75	5 28	113 53	27 40	2 20	4 73	12 09	46 42	693 01	124 72	124 72	3,158 52
Muskegon, S. Paul's	2,998 57	26 00	26 30	14 70	20 00	87 00	14 00			8 25	22 25	557 86	40 00	40 00	1,751 35
Niles, Trinity	1,642 19	8 69	3 14			11 83	2 78	2 78			5 56	55 00	7 50	7 50	1,743 39
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	57 00	8 69				8 69									8 60
Sarganac, Trinity		171 20	14 55	7 12		33 59	3 71	4 03	2 00	3 70	13 44	10 00	45 33	45 33	218 32
Sauganac, All Saints'		7 76	12 63			20 39	1 45	1 44			2 89	2 00	3 00	3 00	23 28
Three Rivers, Trinity	471 00	20 00				20 00	7 00	7 00			14 00	102 00	30 00	30 00	506 00
Traverse City, Grace	463 66	5 00	2 00	1 65		8 65	2 20	1 10		2 10	5 40	50 00			477 71
Union City, Grace		7 25				21 11							7 25	7 25	28 36
Whitehall, Redeemer															

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued.)

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ORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
Baldwin, S. Matthew's	\$100 42	\$95	\$ 00	\$ 34	\$2 00	\$4 00	\$1 35	\$60 24	\$1 23	\$4 34
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity	2,220 42	12 00	12 0	52 34	\$2 00	1 00	1 88	1 11	2 99	1 00
Charlotte, Grace				50	50					
Coopersville, Epiphany										
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias		3 47	3 47							
Ewart, S. John's										
Greenville, S. Paul's	1:39 55	24 53	24 53			\$4 00			4 00	
Harbor Springs, S. John's	61 04	36 70	36 79	1 00	1 00				2 00	
Howard City, Calvary										
Manistee, S. Paul's	329 66	16 02	19 95	14 43	13 32	1 88	\$1 35	\$60 24	91 23	
Newaygo, S. Mark's	240 47	12 15	12 15	1 88	1 11				2 99	
Mt Pleasant, S. John's	1,969 0	2 00	21 10	5 00					5 00	
Pentwater, S. James'	190 63	15 66	17 76	4 49	3 71				8 20	
Quincy, S. John's	22 50	7 19	7 19	7 76	3 76				1 52	
Rockford, S. James	172 86	2 66	2 66	1 27	1 28				2 15	
Tustin, S. John's		5 22	5 22							
HAVING OCCASIONAL SERVICES.										
Advance		1 53	1 55							
Charlevoix	16 15	10 50	10 50							
Kalkaska	4 23	15 86	15 86							
Luther	1 10	2 0	2 00							
Manistee Co. etc	16 10									
Manton	44	1 50	1 50							
Mendon		3 00	3 0							
Reed City										
Stanton	6 10	7 93	7 93	87					87	
	60,277 93	1,069 71	969 69	226 03	178 42	3,047 25	331 42	362 16	82 92	9 79
							244 89	3,942 64	1,051 18	1,404 40
										\$64,525 84

*Including specials: To income of the Episcopal Fund, \$100.00; to Bishop Gillespie, \$37.00; to the Rev. Mr. Mann, \$19.28.

Statistics

OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 24, A. D. 1886.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—

Canonically resident, the Bishop, 27 Presbyters,	-	-	28
Of these, not having cure, 4,	-	-	
Postulant,	-	-	1

CHURCH PROPERTY—

Whole number of Churches, 39 ; Chapels, 6 ;	-	-	45
Whole number of Churches and Chapels having no rental of pews,	-	-	38
Whole number of sittings, of which, Chapels, 750;	-	-	11,240
Whole number of free sittings,	-	-	8,665
Total valuation of Churches and Chapels,	-	-	\$290,820
Number of Rectories, 12; valuation of the same,	-	-	33,810
Estimated value of other property reported,	-	-	13,312
Total,	-	-	\$337,942
Indebtedness on 17 Parishes and 8 Missions: Secured, \$20,583; floating, \$16,239; total,	-	-	\$36,822

ORGANIZED MISSIONS—

Number of (list, on page 12),	-	-	15
Having Church edifices,	-	-	11

PARISHES—

Number of, in union with the Convention,	-	-	27
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SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—

Families reported (partly estimated),	-	-	2,031
Individuals, number of (partly estimated),	-	-	8,045

BAPTISMS—

Children, 222; adults, 73; total,	-	-	295
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CONFIRMED—

In 21 Parishes and 8 Missions,	-	-	-	185
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COMMUNICANTS—

Last reported,	-	-	-	3,136
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Present number reported,	-	-	-	3,151
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TEACHERS—

In 35 Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	296
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Of which, male, 74; female, 222;	-	-	-	
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SCHOLARS—

In the same,	-	-	-	2,627
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Of which, boys, 1,000; girls, 1,567.	-	-	-	
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SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES—**

Communion Aims (not reported otherwise),	-	-	\$953 20
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Sunday Schools,	-	-	1,085 38
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Salaries and current expenses,	-	-	23,195 82
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Increase of Church Property,	-	-	23,378 31
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Reduction of Indebtedness,	-	-	5,311 68
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Other Objects,	-	-	1,353 54
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Total Parochial,	-	-	\$60,277 93
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FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—

Diocesan Missions (Treasurer's Report),	-	\$1,869 67
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Diocesan Assessment (Treasurer's Report),	-	923 64
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Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (Treasurer's Report),	-	223 79
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Other objects,	-	334 90
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Total Diocesan,	-	\$3,352 00
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FOR OBJECTS WITHOUT THE DIOCESE—

Domestic Missions,	-	\$351 42
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Foreign Missions,	-	362 16
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Missions to Colored People,	-	82 92
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Missions to Indians,	-	9 79
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Missions to the Jews,	-	62 46
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General Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	-	6 28
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Church Building Fund Commission,	-	18 79
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Nashotah,	-	3 00
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Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,	-	38 25
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Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	-	10 09
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Missionary objects special, mostly through Woman's Aux-	-	
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iliary,	-	106 02
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Total extra-diocesan,	-	\$1,051 18
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For all purposes, total,	-	\$64,681 11
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Of which, by Women's Associations,	-	\$4,942 66
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Of which, by Sunday Schools,	-	1,494 40
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Assessment

For 1886-87.

On Parishes in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

[RATE, FIVE PER CENTUM.]

Prepared by the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, with the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, according to Canon XVI., Section 1.

PARISHES.	Base of Ass'm't.	Assessment.
Albion, S. James'	\$520 41	\$26 02
Allegan, Good Shepherd	860 00	43 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	1,924 64	96 23
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's	1,079 98	54 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's	1,195 00	59 75
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	1,021 44	51 07
Grand Haven, S. John's	1,014 82	50 74
Grand Rapids, S. John's	5,428 00	271 40
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	8 5 62	40 28
Grand Rapids, Grace	1,430 20	71 51
Grand Rapids, Trinity	256 92	12 85
Hastings, Emmanuel	602 64	30 13
Holland, Grace	18 50	93
Homer, Christ	175 00	8 75
Ionia, S. John's	1,133 29	56 66
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	3,113 63	155 68
Ludington, Grace	198 97	9 95
Marshall, Trinity	1,544 27	77 21
Muskegon, S. Paul's	1,636 43	80 32
Niles, Trinity	1,492 10	74 60
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	8 00	40
Saranac, Trinity	*2 00	10
Saugatuck, All Saints'	100 00	5 00
Three Rivers, Trinity	*30 00	1 50
Traverse City, Grace	465 00	23 25
Union City, Grace	419 33	20 97
Whitehall, Redeemer	*40 00	2 00
Total	\$26,486 18	\$1,324 20

*Former Report—Canon XVI., Section 1.

T. P. SHILDON,
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Permanent Committee (*ex-officio*) on Assessment.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan will be held in
S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, commencing on Tues-
day, June 7th, A. D. 1887, at 7 P. M.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,

Secretary.

A FORM OF BEQUEST

TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, a Body Corporate under the Laws of the State of Michigan, and empowered to receive and hold any property, real or personal, for the use and benefit of said Diocese.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum of dollars for

- (a.) The uses and purposes of said Association: or,
- (b.) For the uses of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy: or,
- (c.) For the use of the Episcopal Fund of said Diocese: or,
- (d.) For the Missions of the Diocese: or,
- (e.) For the Rectory Building Fund, or for any other specific use of the Diocese: or,
- (f.) For Parish, the annual proceeds thereof to be devoted to the support of the Rector: or to the repairs of the Church: or to any other Parochial object specified.



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WHICH MET IN

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS,

TUESDAY, JUNE 7. A. D. 1887.

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ASSESSMENT

For 1887-88,

On Parishes in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

(RATE, FOUR PER CENTUM.)

Prepared by the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, with the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, according to Canon XVI., Section 1.

PARISHES.	Base of Ass'm't.	Am't of Ass'm't.
Albion, S. James'	\$ 590 00	\$ 21 20
Allegan, Good Shepherd,	798 80	31 95
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	1,480 89	59 24
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	832 89	33 32
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	1,707 00	68 28
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	1,102 27	44 09
Grand Haven, S. John's,	824 14	32 97
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	5,334 35	213 37
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's,	505 97	20 24
Grand Rapids, Grace,	1,248 89	49 96
Grand Rapids, Trinity,	1,150 00	46 00
Hastings, Emmanuel,	988 00	39 32
Holland, Grace,	452 62	18 10
Homer, Christ's,	217 25	8 69
Ionia, S. John's,	1,133 29	45 33
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	4,003 77	160 15
Ludington, Grace,	221 02	8 84
Marshall, Trinity,	1,634 43	65 38
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	1,851 33	74 05
Niles, Trinity,	900 37	36 01
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,	38 02	1 52
Saranac, Trinity,	1 70	07
Saugatuck, All Saint's,	116 00	4 64
Three Rivers, Trinity,	12 07	48
Traverse City, Grace,	490 00	19 62
Union City, Grace,	419 33	16 77
Whitehall, Redeemer,	304 00	12 16
Total,	\$28,294 00	\$1,131 76

T. P. SHELDON,

F. A. GORHAM,

W. J. STUART,

W. R. SHELBY,

H. F. SEVERENS,

Permanent Committee on Assessment.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS

TITLE I.—CANON 14.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§1. [1.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens, [*or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens,*] do certify to the Right Rev., [*naming the Bishop,*] or to the Rev., [*naming the President of the Standing Committee,*] that [*naming the person,*] has been duly chosen Rector. [*or Assistant Minister, as the case may be,*] of [*naming the Parish or Church.*]

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The date of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§ 11. No Minister removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following:

I do hereby certify that the Rev. A— B— has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON 12.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LITURGY.

§ 1. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CANON X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Church becomes vacant it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect; and it shall be unlawful for the Parish or Vestry to take action on any name until the receipt of the Bishop's acknowledgement of such

notification and of his accompanying suggestions, if there be any; Provided, he be at the time within the territory of the United States, and that his reply be not deferred longer than thirty days, after the receipt of said notification. On the election of a minister they shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, a notice of the same; and if the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, if the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of the Church, and accepts the same, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book for that purpose, and such record shall be legal evidence of the certified relationship between the Minister and the Parish. If after the expiration of six months, the Vestry of a Church which has become vacant shall fail to call or settle a Minister, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to appoint one, and he shall notify the Vestry of such appointment, and upon their concurrence, the Minister so appointed shall become Rector of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Bishop may appoint Clergymen in the Diocese or others who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

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OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, *ex-officio*.

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For the Free Church Association, Diocesan Agent, the Rev. ROBERT E. JONES, Kalamazoo.

For the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, the Rev. F. C. LEE, Mt. Pleasant.

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CONVOGATIONS.

Grand Rapids—Rev. M. S. WOODRUFF, Secretary, Big Rapids.

Kalamazoo—Rev. A. P. GREENLEAF, Secretary, Battle Creek.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT CONVENTION.

On Lay Work—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. Wm. Morrill, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Mr. W. P. Brown, Mr. E. S. Ellis, M. D., Mr. Geo. C. Jenner.

On Clerical Changes—Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Rev. R. E. Jones, Mr. W. J. Stuart, Mr. C. B. Mosher.

On Church Unity—Rev. Henry Hughes, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Mr. W. N. Brown, Mr. J. Kleinhaus, Mr. Geo. Willard.

On Canons—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Mr. J. Kleinhaus, Mr. C. W. Nottingham.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE DATES OF
THEIR ORDINATION OR TRANSFER.

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- | | |
|---|--|
| 1865.
Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft,
O. Sept. 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1887, at Hastings. | 1885.
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.
Feb. 17. From the Diocese of
Quincy. |
| 1886.
Rev. Darius Baker. | Rev. J. Rice Taylor.
Feb. 20. From the Diocese of
Vermont. |
| 1890.
Rev. Joseph B. Prichard. | Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff.
April 19. From the Diocese of
Missouri. |
| 1870.
Rev. Moselev Morris. | Rev. James A. McGlone.
May 25. From the Diocese of
Wisconsin. |
| Dec. 17. From the Diocese of
Wisconsin. | Rev. William Morrall.
June 22. From the Diocese of
Pittsburgh. |
| 1871.
Rev. Charles R. Huson. | Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.
Nov. 30. From the Jurisdiction
of North Dakota. |
| 1873.
Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D. | 1886.
Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D. |
| Cons. Feb. 24, at Grand Rapids. | Jan. 14. From the Jurisdiction
of Colorado. |
| Rev. Joseph S. Large. | Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. |
| May 30. From the Diocese of
Indiana. | Nov. 20. From the Diocese of
Maryland. |
| 1881.
Rev. Artemas Wetherbee. | Rev. Henry Hughes.
Sept. 6. From the Diocese of
Michigan. |
| March 4. From the Diocese of
Nebraska. | 1887.
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf. |
| Rev. Densmore D. Chapin. | April 11. From the Diocese of
Chicago. |
| Nov. 22. From the Diocese of
Minnesota. | Rev. George W. West. |
| 1888.
Rev. Belno A. Brown. | April 2. From the Diocese of
Springfield. |
| Dec. 1. From the Diocese of
Massachusetts. | Rev. Rob't Lynn. |
| 1884.
Rev. Robert Ellis Jones. | July 23. From the Diocese of
Michigan. |
| May 20. From the Diocese of
Massachusetts. | Rev. Fred C. Lee. |
| O. June 24, to the Priesthood,
at Kalamazoo. | — — — From the Diocese of |
| Rev. John N. Rippey, M. D. | |
| Nov. 30. From the Diocese of
Southern Ohio. | |

THE CONVOCATIONS.

KALAMAZOO—REV. A. P. GREENLEAF, Secretary.

GRAND RAPIDS—REV. M. S. WOODRUFF, Secretary.

List of Parishes, and when admitted to the Convention, and of Missions and of their date of organization.

KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION. Population (about) 350,000.

Albion, - -	S. James' Church, - -	Admitted,	1840
Allegan, - -	*Good Shepherd Church, - -	"	1860
Battle Creek, - -	*S. Thomas' Church, - -	"	1843
Coldwater, - -	*S. Mark's Church, - -	"	1848
Hastings, - -	Emmanuel Church, - -	"	1864
Homer, - -	Christ' Church, - -	"	1841
Kalamazoo, - -	*S. Luke's Church, - -	"	1838
Marshall, - -	*Trinity Church, - -	"	1830
Niles, - -	*Trinity Church, - -	"	1834
Paw Paw, - -	S. Mark's Church, - -	"	1851
Saugatuck, - -	All Saints' Church, - -	"	1800
Three Rivers, - -	Trinity Church, - -	"	1864
Union City, - -	Grace Church, - -	"	1865

MISSIONS IN KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

Benton Harbor,	Holy Trinity Mission, - -	Organized,	1882
Eaton Rapids, - -	S. Matthias' Mission, - -	"	1876
Quincy, - -	S. John's Mission, - -	"	1882

GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION. Population (about) 503,000.

Big Rapids, - -	*S. Andrew's Church, - -	Admitted,	1873
Elk Rapids, - -	S. Paul's Church, - -	"	1871
Grand Haven, - -	*S. John's Church, - -	"	1866
Grand Rapids, - -	*S. Mark's Church, - -	"	1833
" - -	S. Paul's Church, - -	"	1872
" - -	*Grace Church, - -	"	1875
" - -	Trinity Church, - -	"	1846
Holland, - -	Grace Church, - -	"	1868
Ionia, - -	*S. John's Church, - -	"	1841
Ludington, - -	Grace Church, - -	"	1873
Muskegon, - -	*S. Paul's Church, - -	"	1867
Saranac, - -	Trinity Church, - -	"	1860
Traverse City, - -	Grace Church, - -	"	1877
Whitehall, - -	Rodcemer Church, - -	"	1870

MISSIONS IN GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

Baldwin, - -	*S. Matthew's Mission, - - -	"	1879
Coopersville, -	Epiphany Mission, - - -	"	1877
Charlevoix, - -	Christ's Mission, - - -	"	1887
Ewart, - - -	S. Paul's Mission, - - -	"	1876
Greenville, - -	S. Paul's Mission, - - -	"	1881
Harbor Springs,	S. John's Mission, - - -	"	1883
Manistee, - -	S. Paul's Mission, - - -	"	1876
Mt. Pleasant, -	*S. John's Mission, - - -	"	1886
Newaygo, - -	S. Mark's Mission, - - -	"	1876
Pentwater, - -	S. James' Mission, - - -	"	1877
Petoskey, - -	Emmanuel Mission, - - -	"	1887
Rockford, - -	S. James' Mission, - - -	"	1880
Stanton, - -	Grace Mission, - - -	"	1887
Tustin, - - -	S. John's Mission.		

Places where occasional services are held: Advance, East Jordan, Kalkaska, Luther, Manton, Reed City.

*Has a Rectory. †Has both Church and Chapel.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

JUNE 7th, A. D. 1887.

Those marked * were not entitled to seats in the Convention—Constitution, Art. IV. Those in *Italics* were not present.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated St. Matthias' Day, February 24, A. D. 1875.) Episcopal residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Ayres, George W. S., Rector of Grace Church, Holland, and Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall. P. O., Holland.

Bancroft, Joseph W., General Missionary, Hastings.

Barker, Darius. P. O., Decatur.

Brown, Belno A., officiating in S. James' Church, Albion; Christ Church, Homer. P. O., Albion.

Chapin, Densmore D., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Eastman, G. C. V., D. D., Missionary, Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.

Fair, Campbell, D. D., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

*Greenleaf, Arthur P., Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

Hughes, Henry, Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

*Huson, Charles R. P. O., Coldwater.

Jones, Robert Ellis, Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Knapp, Theodore J., D. D., Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.

Large, Joseph S. P. O., Traverse City.

McGlone, James A., Missionary, S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant.

Morris, Mosely, officiating in All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.

Morrall, William, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

Prichard, Joseph B., Missionary, S. John's Church, Ludington.

Rippey, John N., Rector of S. John's Church, Muskegon.

Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids.

*West, George W., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

Witherbee, Artemas. P. O., Kalamazoo; officiating in Grace Church, Union City, and Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids.

Woodruff, Montgomery S., Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Mann, A. W., General Missionary to Deaf Mutes. P. O., Cleveland, Ohio.

SUMMARY.

Number canonically resident: the Bishop,	-	-	-	-	1
Presbyters,	-	-	-	-	23
Number entitled to seats in the Convention,	-	-	-	-	20
Of whom present,	-	-	-	-	16
Number not entitled to seats in the Convention,	-	-	-	-	3
Of whom present	-	-	-	-	2

POSTULANT.

Earnest Willoughby Jewell, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

Martin Damer, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

George H. Cleveland, M. D., S. James' Mission, Pentwater.

DIED.

August 28, 1886.—The Rev. V. Spalding, at Sturgis. "His body committed to the ground" at Three Rivers.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE SINCE THE CONVENTION.

The Rev. William Morrall has resigned S. Paul's, Elk Rapids, and taken charge of Trinity Church, Marshall.

The Rev. J. A. McGlone has closed his charge of S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant.

The Rev. Frederick C. Lee has taken charge of S. John's, Mt. Pleasant.

The Rev. Luther Pardee has accepted the Rectorship of S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.

The Rev. D. D. Chapin has resigned the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, and removed from the Diocese.

The Rev. Charles T. Stout has been appointed Missionary for Emmanuel Mission, Petoskey.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL LAY READERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED.

Mr. Martin Damer, for S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

Mr. Wm. J. Dibble, for Trinity, Marshall.

Mr. Wm. C. Lewis, for S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.

Mr. L. C. Joselyn, for S. Paul's, Muskegon.

FULL OF YEARS.

In Memoriam.



Rev. Voltaire Spaulding,

AGED NEARLY 88 YEARS.

BORN AT HYDE PARK, NEW YORK. DECEMBER 30th, 1798.

Ordained Deacon by Bishop McCoskry May 18th, 1851,
in St. Peter's Church, Tecumseh.

Ordained Priest by Bishop Kemper at Nashotah, Aug.
12, 1852, in the 54th year of his age.

—FELL ASLEEP AUGUST 28TH, 1886.—

BURIED AT THREE RIVERS, AUG. 30, 1886.

ENTERED INTO REST.

A PRIEST OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.

VALIANT FOR THE TRUTH UPON THE EARTH.

JOURNAL.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
BIG RAPIDS, JUNE 7TH, 1887, }
7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan and Lay Delegates-elect to the Thirteenth Annual Convention assembled as above and came to order at the call of the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

After silent prayer, the Secretary read Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution, and Canon II, Sections 1 and 2, relating to the organization of the Convention.

The Bishop presented the Canonical List of the Clergy. (Canon I.)

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll of the Clergy entitled to seats. There were present—ten.

The lists of Parishes and Missions were called and the credentials of Lay Delegates received.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Lay Credentials, the Rev. J. N. Rippey and the Rev. M. S. Woodruff.

The Committee made a report upon the credentials submitted, which was received and the names of delegates called. Four Parishes and two Missions were found represented.

After silent prayer, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese pronounced:

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen: I declare the Thirteenth Annual Convention duly organized."

Evening Prayer was said. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair, and the Rev. Messrs. J. A. McGlone, Wm. Morral and J. N. Rippey.

The Bishop delivered the first part of his Annual Address.

At the close of Evening Prayer the Convention came to order, when the Chair announced that the first business was the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. M. Morris and Mr. W. J. Dibble were appointed as Tellers.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Secretary of the Convention since the organization of the Diocese, declined a re-election on account of other pressing duties.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Thirty votes were cast of which the Rev. J. N. Rippey received twenty-four and he was declared duly elected.

Mr. F. A. Gorham moved that the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention. Carried.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention; and when he may deem it advisable, he may appoint on a Committee to report to the next Convention, a person qualified to be a delegate who is not a member of the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, That the Rev. Geo. W. West and the Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, not having been canonically resident in the Diocese for the space of six calendar months before the meeting of this Convention, be admitted to a seat and vote in this Convention under Article VI of the Constitution.

Each was admitted by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. Morrall:

Resolved, That Clergymen from other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders be invited to seats in this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Church Building Fund be referred to a committee of three.

On motion of the Rev. R. E. Jones:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as applies to the Status of a Mission in the Convention be referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp:

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the frequent changes among the Clergy be referred to a committee of three.

On motion of the Rev. J. N. Rippey:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Lay Workers be referred to a committee of three.

On motion of the Rev. W. J. Stuart:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of legislation be referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to Candidates for Holy Orders be referred to the committee on frequent changes among the Clergy.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to Church Unity be referred to a committee.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft moved the following:

Whereas, It is the expressed intention of Article V of the Constitution to allow Morning Prayer to be said at any convenient hour, whether before or after the celebration of the Holy Communion, though implying that the latter will generally follow Morning Prayer, therefore

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint the hour for celebrating the Holy Communion to-morrow at six o'clock, a. m.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Large:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the death of the Rev. V. Spaulding be referred to a committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 6 a. m., June 8.

The Convention assembled for the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop acted as Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. G. V. C. Eastman and the Rev. Messrs. J. S. Large, J. Rice Taylor, J. B. Prichard, J. W. Bancroft and the Rector, the Rev. M. S. Woodruff.

At half past eight the Convention assembled for Morning Prayer. The Clergy robed in the Rectory and went in procession to the Church where Morning Prayer was said by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. T. J. Knapp and the Rev. Messrs. R. E. Jones, A. P. Greenleaf and M. Morris.

Prayers were offered on behalf of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, who is lying dangerously ill.

At nine o'clock a. m., the Convention was called to order by the Bishop and proceeded to business.

The Rolls of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates were called, and the following were found to be present:

The Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft, General Missionary.

Rev. Belno A. Brown, St. James', Albion.

Rev. Densmore D. Chapin, Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Rev. G. V. C. Eastman, D. D., Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.

Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, St. Thomas', Battle Creek.

Rev. Henry Hughes, St. Mark's, Coldwater.

Rev. R. E. Jones, St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.

Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., St. John's, Grand Haven.

Rev. Joseph S. Large, P. O., Traverse City.
 Rev. J. A. McGlone, St. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant.
 Rev. Moseley Morris, All Saints', Saugatuck.
 Rev. William Morrall, St. Paul's, Elk Rapids.
 Rev. Joseph B. Prichard, St. John's, Ludington.
 Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D., St. Paul's, Muskegon.
 Rev. J. Rice Taylor, St. Paul's, Grand Rapids.
 Rev. Geo. W. West, Grace, Grand Rapids.
 Rev. M. S. Woodruff, St. Andrew's, Big Rapids.

Of Lay Delegates there were present 24—representing nine Parishes and four Missions—as follows:

Battle Creek, St. James'	{ Clement Wakelee, George Willard.
	{ Chas. B. Mosher.
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's	{ C. W. Nottingham, James Smith, Archibald Graham as alternate.
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's	{ Fred A. Gorham, Wm. J. Stuart, Charles G. A. Voigt
Grand Rapids, Grace	{ Samuel Fuller, Jacob Kleinhans.
Hastings, Emmanuel	D. G. Robinson.
Ionia, St. John's	{ E. T. Montgomery, James B. Sanford.
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's	{ T. P. Sheldon, H. F. Severens.
Ludington, Grace	W. Henry Stanhope.
Marshall, Trinity	{ Wm. J. Dibble, James A. Way, James M. Parsons.
Charlevoix, Christ Mission	W. P. Brown.
Manistec, St. Paul's Mission	Ellsworth S. Ellis.
Mt. Pleasant, St. John's Mission	{ W. N. Brown, John C. English, (alternate)
Pentwater, St. James' Mission	O. H. Dean

The Bishop announced the following

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Rev. D. D. Chapin, Rev. Henry Hughes, Mr. J. C. English.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for the Aged and Infirm Clergy.—Mr. W. J. Dibble, *Mr. R. L. Newnham, Mr. S. L. Fuller.

On the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Mr. C. G. A. Voigt, *Mr. James Smith, Mr. James Way.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Mr. F. A. Gorham, *Mr. James Snow.

On Canons.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Mr. J. Kleinhans, Mr. C. W. Nottingham.

On Church Literature.—Rev. Henry Hughes, Rev. B. A. Brown, *Rev. A. Wetherbee, Mr. F. A. Gorham, Mr. J. C. English.

On the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions.—Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Rev. J. A. McGlone, Mr. W. Henry Stanhope, Mr. C. Wakelee, Mr. James M. Parsons.

On Christian Education.—Rev. Geo. W. West, Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., Rev. S. H. Woodford, *Mr. Wm. Foy, Mr. E. S. Ellis, M. D.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

On Lay Work.—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Mr. Walter P. Brown, Mr. E. S. Ellis, M. D.

On Decease of Rev. V. Spaulding.—Rev. J. S. Large, Rev. J. B. Pritchard.

On Clerical Changes.—Rev. R. E. Jones, Mr. W. J. Stuart, Mr. C. B. Mosher.

On Church Building Fund.—Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Rev. Belno A. Brown, Mr. F. A. Gorham.

On Church Unity.—Rev. D. D. Chapin, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Mr. W. P. Brown.

Those marked with a * were not present.

The Bishop read a detailed report of his work during the Conventional year.

The Parochial Reports were presented to the Bishop.

The Rev. D. D. Chapin presented and read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee met in Kalamazoo on the 27th of May, 1886, and organized by the election of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Chairman, and the Rev. D. D. Chapin, Secretary.

The testimonials of the Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed, Bishop-elect of Florida were presented and signed.

Appropriations to the amount of \$225 were made from the Disabled Clergy Fund.

A second meeting was held in Grand Rapids June 2^d. On the recommendation of the Bishop, \$250 were appropriated to pay the expenses of the Bishop and Clerical Deputies to the General Convention. Some action was taken looking to the appointment of a committee to take steps towards increasing the Episcopal Fund.

A third meeting was held on August 31st. Testimonials were signed, consenting to the election of the Rt. Rev. Dan S. Tuttle, D. D., to be the Bishop of Missouri, and the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whittaker, D. D., to be the Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

A fourth meeting was held at Grand Rapids on the 15th of February, 1887. The resignation of the Rev. F. A. DeRosset as Registrar of the Diocese was received.

Cash from Grace, Union City.....	1 10
" " Trinity, Three Rivers, ('79-'80).....	2 65
" " " " " ".....	3 43
	1,147 93
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	\$1,326 62
	Cr.
By paid on Bishop's salary.....	\$ 645 00
" " Sexton and Pages at last Convention	10 00
" " Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, expenses to Convention	50 00
" " Rev. J. W. Bancroft, " " " ".....	50 00
" " " C. C. Tate, " " " ".....	50 00
" " " J. N. Rippey, " " " ".....	50 00
" " " D. D. Chapin, " " " ".....	50 00
" " Wm. W. Astor, Treasurer General Convention.....	78 00
" " Rev. J. W. Bancroft's bill of May 27.....	11 90
" " " " " Secretary's expenses.....	65 25
" " " F. A. De Roset, Registrar.....	10 00
" " " Wm. S. Haywood.....	4 50
" " Dennis & Slingerland's bill June 9th.....	3 25
" " Printing Journals.....	158 00
" " Stamps, cards and envelopes.....	1 50
Cash on hand.....	80 22

\$1,326 62

RECEIVED SINCE THE ABOVE REPORT.

St. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	\$ 54 00
St. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	40
Christ's, Homer.....	21 60

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen:

Cash balance from last report.....	\$150 95
" from Church of Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	2 00
" " St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.....	2 66
" " St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.....	9 00
" " St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.....	7 00
" " St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.....	86 43
" " St. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids	2 41
" " St. Paul's Mission, Greenville.....	2 63
" " St. Paul's Sunday School, Greenville.....	41
" " St. Paul's Mrs. E. B. O. S., Greenville.....	1 00
" " Emmanuel Church, Hastings.....	9 42
" " Grace Church, Holland	1 21
" " St. John's Church, Ionia....	4 06
" " St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.....	50 00
" " Grace Church, Ludington.....	1 10
" " St. Paul's Mission, Manistee.....	2 00
" " St. Paul's Sunday School, Manistee.....	2 53
" " Trinity Church, Marshall.....	17 72
" " St. John's Church, Mt. Pleasant ..	6 06
" " St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.....	5 56
" " St. Mark's Mission, Nawaygo.....	2 00
" " St. James' Mission, Pentwater.....	2 00
" " St. John's Mission, Quincy.....	1 93

Total Offerings from Parishes.....\$219 15

Interest on Bennett & Buckhout Mortgage.....	\$ 35 00
" " Bogama Mortgage.....	28 88
" " Congdon Mortgage.....	14 00
" " Cummings Mortgage.....	19 86
" " Nickles Mortgage.....	17 50
" " Quick Mortgage.....	33 50
" " Starring Mortgage.....	49 00
" " Price Note.....	7 00
Total from Interest.....	\$204 74
Paid on Nickles' Mortgage.....	\$ 300 00
" " Quick Mortgage.....	400 00
" " Bennett & Buckhout Mortgage.....	500 00
" " Cummings Mortgage.....	250 00
" " Bogama Mortgage.....	350 00
Total from Mortgages.....	\$1,800 00
" " Interest and Offerings.....	423 89
Balance from last year.....	150 95
	<u>\$2,374 84</u>

CONTRA.

By paid Beneficiaries.....	\$ 350 00
" " for Mortgage against J. Cummings.....	250 00
" " " " F. B. Fry.....	250 00
" " " " M. E. Howe.....	250 00
" " " " A. F. Lindburg.....	350 00
" " " " J. S. Ward.....	576 00
" " " " M. Yoe.....	150 00
" " " Interest on Cummings Mortgage.....	13 12
Cash balance on hand.....	185 72
	<u>\$2,374 84</u>

LIST OF SECURITIES BELONGING TO THE FUND.

Note of Alexander Price.....	\$ 100 00
Mortgage against Pamela Pollock.....	210 00
" " Mortimer Yoe.....	150 00
" " Mary E. Howe.....	250 00
" " Frank B. Fry.....	250 00
" " Benj. Starring.....	700 00
" " Julius L. Ward.....	576 00
" " Augustus F. Lindburg.....	350 00
" " H. E. Congdon.....	200 00
	<u>\$2,786 00</u>

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS FOR ASSESSMENTS.

TOWNS.	PARISHES.	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87
Albion....	St. James'	\$22 00	\$16 18	\$20 00	.....	.....	\$30 90	\$27 81	.....	\$ 9 84	\$28 00	\$6 47
Elk Rapids...	St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 02
Grand Haven	St. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 74
Grand Rapids.	Grace...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 23
Grand Rapids.	St. Paul's	.....	.....	6 04	\$25 37	\$61 00	.....	.....	\$69 75	45 12	28 50	12 86
Grand Rapids.	Trinity...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 50	18 88	.....	12 86
Holland....	Grace...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 90	1 24	1 40	12 86
Indington...	Grace...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 88	5 92	.....	12 86
Laington....	Trinity...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 60
Paw Paw....	St. Mark's	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 54	14 00	24 40	24 00	.....	.....	.....
Saranac....	Trinity...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saugatuck...	All Saints	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 82	8 10	.....	.....	.....
Three Rivers.	Trinity...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 31	9 02	6 11	45 60	.....	25 25	53 55
Traverse City.	Grace...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50
Union City...	Grace...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Whitehall...	Redeemer...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Allegan....	Good Shepherd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 68	1 00	.....	.....

Kalamazoo, June 7th, 1887.

The Reports were referred to the Standing Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft presented the following supplemental report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, concerning the manner of election of a Bishop.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Convention of 1886 having referred to the Standing Committee of the Diocese the matter of considering what, if any, additions to our present Constitution and Canons, may be advisable, the Committee respectfully reports:

That it has not been able to prosecute the comparative study of the Constitutions and Canons of the several Dioceses of the United States so extensively as it could desire, yet the comparison has been very suggestive in some respects. In most cases there is a similarity pervading these Diocesan Constitutions and Canons, in language, range and detail, which bespeaks common origin and requirements. Evidently the newer Dioceses have copied from the older, and, for the time, all have been content with simple and essential provisions. In a few cases, more or less radical revision of these has been made within the last decade or two, and the occasion was taken to cover more ground and this more particularly; especially is this the case in reference to such subjects as Diocesan Missions, Endowments and Judiciary.

A few of the Constitutions are unique in the point of asserting Church principles on expressed logical grounds, instead of assuming such principles. In this respect the Constitution of the Diocese of Vermont might serve a good purpose as a tract for general circulation.

Among the Canons of Western New York is one entitled, "Of the Solemn Election of a Bishop," which is wholly unique. In all the other Dioceses the mode of electing a Bishop is prescribed in a few sentences, or left to be regulated under the ordinary formalities of procedure in public assemblies, secular or other, or, else, under those adopted for the occasion.

The Committee believes that in so important a matter as the choosing of a Bishop in the Church of GOD, the utmost pains should be taken to guard against the tendency sometimes exhibited in ecclesiastical conventions, viz: a resort to the common *cacus* modes of nomination and election practiced in political gatherings. And so believing, the subjoined Canon is offered as a part of this Report. Much of its language is copied from the Canon of Western New York just referred to, and it is recommended for consideration, and adoption, if approved, by this Convention. If adopted, the present Canon No. XXI should be made No. XXII.

J. W. BANCROFT, President.
D. D. CHAPIN, Secretary.

OF THE SOLEMN NOMINATION AND CHOOSING OF A BISHOP.

Whenever in the Providence of GOD, it may be necessary for this Diocese to choose a Bishop, and when for this purpose the Annual Convention, or a special Convention, shall be in session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution, the order and mode of proceeding shall be the following:

1. There shall be read this Canon, the Testimonials that must be signed in behalf of a Bishop-elect, and the vows required of him in the ordinal, to the end that none other than a godly and well-learned man may be elected. After which the Convention shall be invited to silent prayer for a brief space.
2. The nomination shall then be in order, and shall be by ballot. *Viva-voce* nomination shall be in order only when the Convention shall be sitting in Committee of the whole as hereinafter provided. Each member of the Convention may place two names and no more upon his ballot, which names shall be reported as respectively the first and second choice of the voter. The

lists of the clerical and lay members of the Convention shall be slowly called, each voter reverently advancing to deposit his ballot with the Tellers. Silence shall be strictly maintained, the whole solemnity being an act of religion and part of public worship.

3. The Tellers shall note the number of blank ballots cast, if any, and the name of each nominee, attaching to the same the number of votes respectively given to each as first choice and as second choice, and when they are ready to report, the Convention shall rise to receive the same; after which, all standing, the President of the Convention shall read verses 24 and 25 of Acts I; then, all kneeling, shall be said the Collect for St. Matthias' Day and the *Veni Creator* in its longer form read responsively, to be followed by the Lord's Prayer.

4. A second ballot shall then be ordered, to be conducted in the same manner as the former, except that only one name shall be upon each ballot and that the lay vote shall be a vote by Parishes, each Parish having one vote. The Tellers having reported the result of such ballot, if it appear that any nominee have a constitutional majority of votes, such nominee shall be declared elected, and appropriate prayers and praises shall then be offered.

5. But if the election shall not be complete on the second ballot, it shall be in order for any member to move that the Convention go into Committee of the whole to discuss the nominations made, or make others at its pleasure. This motion shall be a privileged motion, which shall be carried by one-third of the votes of each order: and no words of comment upon any nomination that may be made, nor praise nor censure of any clergyman, shall be permitted, except in such committee of the whole, sitting with closed doors. It shall be always in order to go again into committee of the whole for further nomination and discussion, upon motion, by a minority vote as aforesaid, save only when the actual solemnity of balloting is in process.

6. When all nominations shall have been sufficiently discussed, the Chairman of the Committee shall solemnly remind all present that their proceedings and sayings have been confidential, and must be so considered and regarded by all upon their sacred honor.

7. When the Committee has risen and the President of the Convention has taken his seat and re-opened its session, the Chairman of the Committee shall report its action to the Convention, and balloting shall be resumed with all solemnity as before, until, by God's Holy Spirit who maketh men to be of one mind in an house, a Bishop be duly chosen and declared elected by a constitutional majority of both orders present and voting.

8. This Canon is hereby declared to be an act of solemn homage to God, by whose authority in Christ Jesus the Episcopate was established in the Holy Apostles and by whose Holy Spirit it hath been perpetuated; and it is enacted with intention to conform as strictly as possible to the Apostolic example, to the end that all things being done decently and in order, the Lord our God may be with us and our children, as He was with our fathers in the old time.

(Mem. If this Canon be adopted, the present Canon XXI must become Canon XXII.)

The report was accepted.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Standing Committee, through the President, the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, made a special verbal report on the

increase of the Episcopal Fund, stating that it had not been able to do the duty laid upon it, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

Mr. F. A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese made the following

REPORT.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 6th, 1887.

To the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

GENTLEMEN: I beg to make the following report of the funds which have been in my hands during the past year, as required by the By-Laws of the Association:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

At date of last report, not including doubtful and worthless notes (5,000.87) the amount was	\$30,301 75
Added, Cash received from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, per Rev. R. H. Paine,	10 00
	<hr/> \$30,311 75
Deducted, for worthless subscription notes destroyed as authorized by you,	120 00
	<hr/> 120 00
Leaving balance as of this date, not including doubtful notes (1,235.01)	\$30,191.75

Composed of the following items:

Episcopal Residence,	\$11,000 00
Real Estate,	535 13
Subscription notes,	740 00
Loans, secured by mortgage,	17,806 95
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	109 67
	<hr/> \$30,191 75

The total amount of worthless notes destroyed as of account was \$3,915.86, but of this amount \$3,795.86 had already been charged to Suspense account; others will doubtless be similarly disposed of after report upon them has been made by the committee.

The Cash Receipts and Disbursements have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$1,123 37
1886.	
May 20. Payment on Dodd's mortgage,	100 00
June 4. Geo. L. Hale, payment of mortgage,	300 00
" " Mt. Calvary Ch., Baltimore, per Rev. R. H. Paine,	10 00
July 9. J. D. Burns, Kalamazoo, payment note,	75 00
Aug. 24. Payment on Person's mortgage,	750 00
Sept. 25. N. H. Walbridge, mortgage,	1,097 00

Oct. 7.	Agnes Pinney, mortgage,	-	-	100 00
" "	J. J. Adams, payment on contract,	-	-	50 00
" 14.	Payment, balance Person's mortgage,	-	-	250 00
" 15.	" on Williams' mortgage,	-	-	89 20
Nov. 5.	D. C. Simmons, payment of mortgage,	-	-	800 00
Dec. 7.	Hartford Fire Ins. Co., loss on Grace Church, Hol-			
1887.	land (principal)	-	-	1,186 25
Jan. 25.	Geo. E. Wallace, payment mortgage,	-	-	125 00
Mar. 1.	Mortgages trans'd to Permanent Mission Fund,	-	-	1,000 00
April 11.	J. J. Adams, payment on contract,	-	-	30 00
" 12.	J. A. Shoccraft, payment mortgage,	-	-	300 00
May 27.	A. Van Amberg, payment mortgage,	-	-	450 00
Total Receipts,				\$7,835 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.				
May 8.	Loan to D. C. Simmons,	-	-	\$ 800 00
Sept 1.	Loan to N. Walbridge,	-	-	1,097 00
" 25.	Loan to Hannah Fallon,	-	-	400 00
1887.				
Mar. 4.	Loan to C. Moran,	-	-	5,429 15
Total Disbursements,				\$7,726 15
Cash balance in Treasurer's hands,				\$ 109 67

The income from this fund, and the disbursements of the same, have been as follows:

INCOME.

Cash balance, per last report,	-	-	\$ 12 06
From interest on loans,	-	-	1,263 18
" " " notes,	-	-	11 00
" Geo. Kendall, Grand Rapids, annual subscription,	-	-	100 00
" Rent of Episcopal residence,	-	-	333 31
" Interest on Grace Church, Holland, loan,	-	-	1,180 25
\$2,000 72			
To which add amount received from T. P. Sheldon, Treas-			
urer, for assessments,	-	-	645 00
\$3,554 72			

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Bishop Gillespie, in full for salary to May 24th, 1887,	\$2,475 00
Accrued interest on Simmon's mortgage,	32 67
Drawing assignment of same,	1 00
Premium, insurance on Grace Church, Holland,	45 00
Accrued interest on Walbridge mortgage,	34 80
Premium, insurance on Grace Church, Holland,	30 00
Accrued interest on Fallon mortgage,	3 57
Stamped envelopes,	2 22
Painting Episcopal Residence, bill of A. H. Fowle,	90 00
Services of J. R. Kleyn, estimating loss on Grace Church	
Holland,	23 75
\$2,738 01	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$ 816 71

The income for the ensuing year is estimated to be	\$1,800 00
To which add, Cash now on hand, - - -	816 71
Balance due on assessments for last year, -	200 00
Total Resources, - - -	\$2,816 71

The liabilities will be:

Bishop's Salary, one year, - - - -	\$3,000 00
Amount authorized to be paid to Grace Church, Holland, -	257 37
Repairs to Episcopal Residence, - - -	50 00
Deficit, - - - -	\$ 490 06

GRAND RAPIDS, June 6, 1887.

Mr. F. A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Association, etc.

MY DEAR SIR: I desire to contribute seven hundred dollars to the income of the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year, and I authorize you to take this sum from the salary of three thousand dollars.

Thanking you for your uniform attentions in our relations.

Yours very truly,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The Amount remains same as at last report - - -	\$2,810 00
Invested in bonds and mortgages, - - -	\$2,685 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands, - - -	125 00
	\$2,810 00

Receipts and Disbursements have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from last report, - - -	\$ 980 00
Nov. 8, 1886, Payment on Hanchett mortgage, - - -	50 00
Interest " " " " - - -	43 75
Jan'y 6, 1887, Interest on Martin Mortgage - - -	10 00
May 7, 1887, Payment on Hanchett mortgage, - - -	115 00
Interest " " " " - - -	42 00
	\$1,220 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 1, 1887, paid for following mortgages transferred from Episcopal Fund:

L. Dodds, - - - - -	\$ 750 00
C. Myers, - - - - -	250 00
June 1, 1887, Remitted to D. G. Robinson, Treasurer, -	95 75
	\$1,095 75
Cash balance in Treasurer's hands, -	\$ 125 00

RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

Amount, per last report, - - - - -	\$1,471 95
June 1, 1887, Received for interest on certificate of deposit, -	44 16
	\$1,516 11

No demands have been made on this Fund, and the entire amount, as above, is in Treasurer's hands.

SUNDRY TRUSTS.

FUNDS.

Lyons,	Balance per last report,	-	-	\$145 64	
	Interest credited, -	-	-	11 88	\$157 52
Decatur,	Balance per last report,	-	-	\$ 72 12	
	Interest credited, -	-	-	5 44	77 56
Sturgis,	Balance per last report,	-	-	\$ 32 47	
	Interest credited, -	-	-	2 47	34 94
St. Paul's Mission, Manistee,	Balance per last report,	-	-	\$165 00	
	May 25, 1886, rec'd from Rev. W. S. Hayward,			70 00	
	Oct. 4, 1886, rec'd from Rev. W. S. Hayward,			25 00	
	Interest credited, -	-	-	4 95	264 95
Grace Mission, Charlotte,	Balance per last report,	-	-	\$164 36	
	July 30, 1886, rec'd from Rev. J. W. Bancroft, being balance in hands of former Treas'r,				
	A. V. N. Slingerland, -	-	-	5 00	
	Feb. 5, 1887, Proceeds of sale of old Church building, -	-	-	102 00	
				\$271 36	
	Out of which was paid Dec. 13, 1886, to S. Ketcham for services and expenses con- nected with sale of Church building, -	-	-	15 00	256 36
Total amount of Sundry Trust Funds,				-	\$791 33
Of which there is invested in mortgage,				-	200 00
Balance in Treasurer's hand, Cash,				-	\$591 33

The following is a detailed statement of all securities in my hands:

Detailed statement of securities held by the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

NOTES AND MORTGAGES.

Charles L. Moran, 6½ per cent.,	-	-	-	-	\$ 5,429 15
Elijah Dart, 7½ "	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
John Schoffin, 8 "	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
William Grummet, 7 "	-	-	-	-	1,400 00
M. Ryan, 9 "	-	-	-	-	800 00
Jno. C. Barager, 7 "	-	-	-	-	800 00
David A. Moore, 7 "	-	-	-	-	600 00
E. P. Goudry, 7 "	-	-	-	-	524 00
J. A. Campbell, 7 "	-	-	-	-	500 00
F. C. Rathbun, 8 "	-	-	-	-	500 00
W. H. Converse, 8 "	-	-	-	-	500 00
Lucy P. Fanme, 10 "	-	-	-	-	500 00
Sylvester Rogers, 8 "	-	-	-	-	500 00
Jas. P. Hayes, 8 "	-	-	-	-	350 00
H. L. Birdsall, 10 "	-	-	-	-	300 00
M. Maloney, 8 "	-	-	-	-	300 00
A. M. Beal, 8 "	-	-	-	-	250 00
John Marz, 8 "	-	-	-	-	225 00
William Hannon, 8 "	-	-	-	-	200 00

J. Tibbets,	8	"	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Hannah Fallon,	7	"	-	-	-	-	-	400 00
L. K. Austin,	7	"	-	-	-	-	-	180 00
Jas. B. Andrews,	10	"	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
W. B. Williams,	10	"	-	-	-	-	-	118 80
A. M. Bennett,	10	"	-	-	-	-	-	100 00

DEEDS.

Geo. Kendall, Episcopal residence, value including building, (insurance policy, \$5,000.00),	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000 00
E. M. Adams, property at Grand Rapids acquired under foreclosure and sold under contract to Jos. J. Adams,	-	-	-	-	-	-	535 13
Subscription notes, good,	-	-	-	-	-	-	740 00
" " worthless,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,235 01
Total Episcopal Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$31,317 09

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES,

L. R. Hanchett, 7 per cent.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,085 00
L. Dodds,	7	"	-	-	-	-	750 00
S. Vandrey,	10	"	-	-	-	-	300 00
C. Myers,	8	"	-	-	-	-	250 00
Rufus Hall,	10	"	-	-	-	-	200 00
Thos. Martin	10	"	-	-	-	-	100 00
Total Permanent Missionary Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,685 00

PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

Bond and Mortgage, N. R. Peterson, 9 per cent., belonging to Sundry Funds,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 200 00
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Deeds as follows, the values being those shown in Parochial Reports, Journal of 1886:

Jos. Barry, land at Quincy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Sam'l Nowry, land at Quincy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	800 00
Caroline Snell, land at Lowell,	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
Henry Hall, land at Plainfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Sam'l C. Graham, land at Coopersville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	650 00
Sundry persons, land at Eaton Rapids, (insurance policy \$700),	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
Rutan & Slaght, land at Greenville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800 00
W. L. Webber, land at Baldwin,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,080 00
Southard & Crandall, land at Harbor Springs, (insurance policy \$2,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
Dexter & Noble, land at Elk Rapids,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,579 67
Richard W. Bagot, land at Elk Rapids,	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wm. Cox et. al., land at Grand Rapids, (Trinity Church property,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000 00
N. McMillan, land at Rockford, (insurance policies \$1,500),	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,785 00
Minnie K. Brown, land at Mt. Pleasant, (insurance policy \$1,000),	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500 00
Louis Sands, land at Manistee,	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 00
Sno. W. Loomis, land at Pentwater, (insurance policy \$800),	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Maria N. Gremps, land at Paw Paw,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500 00
Grace Church, Holland, Mich.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Total Trust Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$32,129 67

GRAND RAPIDS, June 4th, 1887.

The undersigned, Lay Members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors by appointment of the Convention of 1876 (page 39, Journal of 1876) do hereby certify that they have examined the Securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, as set forth in the foregoing list, and find them correct as therein stated.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

W. R. SHELBY.
W. J. STUART.

The Rev. Dr. Fair on the part of the Committee appointed by the Association of the Diocese to present to the Convention the statement of the Association, offered the following:

Resolved, That in the assessment of the Parishes for the ensuing year, the Committee having charge of the same be hereby instructed to make such increase in the stronger Parishes of the Diocese as will enable the "Association of the Diocese" to pay in full the stipend of the Bishop.

Resolved, That the same Committee shall endeavor to collect all assessments on or before the 30th day of March in every year.

Resolved, That a committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to take into consideration the deficiency in the Episcopal stipend with power to appeal to the Missions of the Diocese and collect from them such deficiency in the Bishop's stipend, after the payment of the assessments upon the Parishes have been received, the 30th of March in every year.

The Committee would also report that they have examined the Report of the Association and find that, so far as they can investigate, it is correct.

The Committee would recommend that the Committee on Assessment of Parishes and Missions be instructed to increase the assessment so as to cover the 250 dollars which the Bishop will need to pay his travelling expenses, and the full amount of his salary.

On motion the resolutions and report of the Association were referred to the proper committee.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Bishop:

GRAND RAPIDS, June 7, 1887.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Thirteenth Annual Convention:

GENTLEMEN: By the courtesy of the R. Rd companies, I have during my Episcopate held passes over nearly all the roads in the Diocese.

These have all been withdrawn under the operation of the Inter-State Commerce Act, and in place I have received a half fare ticket.

By resolution of the Convention of 1880, "the Parishes and Missions pay the traveling expenses of the Bishop on his visitations."

The expenses have fallen unequally owing to the distances from Grand Rapids. The sum however has been so small for any Parish or Mission that it has not seemed necessary to have any adjustment.

As the expense will now be much greater—I think my traveling expenses cannot be less than \$250 per annum—I submit for your consideration what shall be the proper adjustment.

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports that the principal items of business passed on to this Convention from the preceding one, are some matters put in the hands of Committees holding over, and a proposed amendment of the Constitution, Article VI, by the addition of a new section.

The list of these Committees is found on the 7th page of the Journal, and the amendment to be confirmed or rejected on page 40.

Also on page 65, the resolution offered by Mr. N. P. Loveridge, looking to an increase of the Episcopal Fund through a committee which was to report to this Convention.

(Signed) J. W. BANCROFT, Chairman.

The Report was received and the items referred to taken up for consideration and action.

The proposed amendment to Art. VI of the Constitution, designated as section five, found on page 40 of the Journal of the last Convention was approved by a majority of each order.

The following is the amendment:

SEC. 5. The following persons shall be entitled to seats in the Convention with the privilege of discussion, but without the right of voting: *provided*, they possess the qualifications of a Lay delegate named in the *proviso* of Section 2 of this article, namely: The Registrar, the Treasurer of this Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Association and Lay members of any Committee appointed at a previous Convention, when instructed to report to the Convention at which admission is sought.

Mr. H. F. Severens, Chairman of the Special Committee of last Convention on Legislation for the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Diocesan Convention for Western Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of legislation needed for the holding of property designed for the use and benefit of the churches or parishes in the Diocese, respectfully report, that they have attentively examined the subject and find that no further legislation is required; existing statutes being ample to authorize the holding of property to such uses and to any extent likely to be reached in our Diocese for the period of many years—the statute under which the organization of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan exists providing liberally in that behalf.

Respecting the mode in which conveyances should be made to the Association of the Diocese for the benefit of the parishes or parishes hereafter to be formed, your Committee would advise that an ordinary trust deed to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, indicating the use, trust or ultimate destination of the property conveyed would be sufficient under the statutes of this state. But since the trusts for which conveyances of this sort may be made would, in the nature of things be quite various, the Committee do not think it advisable to prescribe any form of conveyance as universally applicable since that should be adopted to the particular purpose of each case.

Instead of suggesting any prescribed form they think it better to recommend when occasions arise for the making of such conveyances, that assistance of competent counsel should be obtained for the purpose.

They would however suggest by way of illustration that in the case of an intended trust for the benefit of a parish which might subsequently be organized in a given locality or of a resuscitated parish where it is intended to bestow property temporarily but designed nevertheless to be appropriated to parish use ultimately, the form of the conveyance should be to the Association by its corporate name, describing the property and declaring that it should be held in trust for the use and benefit of that parish in the Diocese which should thereafter be first lawfully organized at such a place—naming it—and authorize the Association in its discretion to convey to the new parish. Other cases as already suggested would require such variation in language as the purpose intended should require.

Dated June 7, 1887.

H. F. SEVERENS.
E. F. SWEET.
GEORGE WILLARD.

The report was accepted.

The special committees on Election of a Minister into a Parish; on Missionary Enrollment and on Sunday School Instruction asked further time to prepare their reports, which was granted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, That a committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed by this Convention to devise and carry into effect a plan for increasing the Episcopal Fund by the amount of 20,000 dollars with full power to appoint sub-committees and solicitors.

A motion to re-consider was made and carried.

On motion the words "the Association of the Diocese" were substituted for the words "this Convention," and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Convention standing:

The Rev. J. S. Large, Chairman of Special Committee on the death of Rev. V. Spaulding, presented the following minute, with the appended resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to appropriate a page of the Journal to the memory of our departed brother, in connexion with which the following brief memorial be inserted.

**MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF REV. V. SPAULDING WHO FELL ASLEEP
ON THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, AUGUST 28, 1886.**

Since our last Diocesan Convention there has passed away from our midst to his bright reward on high, as we fully believe, our well beloved and venerable brother, the Rev. V. Spaulding who died at the residence of his son in Sturgis, on the 28th day of August last. Mr. Spaulding was born in Hyde Park, N. Y. Dec. 30, 1798, and was hence at his death in his 88th year. His early years were spent mostly in rural life, and he had little other education than was supplied by the country schools of the period. For near 50 years he led the changeable and unsettled life, that was so marked a feature of many of the American young men of the time, and it was not till he arrived at this mature age that any thing of a serious and spiritual nature took possession of his mind. He now, however, felt himself moved by the Holy Ghost to give himself to the work of the sacred ministry. He set himself in good earnest to the study of the original languages of the Scripture; and such was his proficiency that he mastered both to the extent required by the Canon for ordination, and was during the rest of his life distinguished for his critical knowledge of these languages. He was ordained deacon by Bishop McCoskry, May 18, 1857, in St. Peter church, Tecumseh. His admission to the priesthood was at Nashotah, Wis., Aug. 12, 1862, by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, S. T. D.—being then in his 54th year.

His ministerial labors were in various places in southern Michigan, though he spent a short period at Aurora, Ills., and also at Dansville, N. Y. Mr.

Spaulding was a clear and vigorous writer. To quote the Bishop's language at his funeral "He was a most methodical, uniform man. Long as he could guide the pen, he was, as we were wont to say, the model penman of the Diocese. And all was in keeping—there was no hurried, imperfect doing with him. As a preacher he was furthest from any act of rhetoric and mannerisms—never a gesture and rarely an uplifted eye. Yet he was listened to as he well deserved to be. His style reminded us of the old English Divines he so much studied. No words that could not prove their honorable Saxon ancestry found place in his page. Every sentence like its utterance was incisive. He said just what he wished to say, and he was done."

In one of his last letters he says, in reference to his blindness and partial paralysis, "they are sent upon me, however, I am sure, with kindness and loving intention by Him who doeth all things well, to withdraw my loving heart from other and less important objects than the love and devotion to Him who thus maketh me to lie down in green pastures and leadeth me by still waters."

For the last few years of his life, he was very kindly and tenderly ministered to by his son and family, in regard to which he says: "I am forebly divested of any care save how I may secure my own salvation with fear and trembling." "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith."

JOS. S. LARGE.

JOSEPH B. PRICHARD.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Chairman of Committee on Canons, presented the following partial report, which was accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Canons recommend the adoption of the following amendments to Art VI., Sec. 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

Art. VI-Sec. 1. After the word Clergyman in the first line, strike out all to the period and insert: "and if a Layman who shall be communicant of a Parish, or an organized Mission, in union with the Convention of this Diocese."

Art. VI-Sec. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese which has, or hereafter shall have, by its Charter or Articles of Association, expressly acceded to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and to the constitution and canons of the P. E. Church in this Diocese, and every Mission organized under the provisions of Canon XXX, may be admitted into Union with this Convention, and shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Delegates, according to the number of communicants at the preceding Easter. A Parish or Mission having more than 25 communicants, shall be entitled to send two Lay Delegates; having more than 50, such Parish or Mission may send three Delegates; having more than 100, it may send four; having more than 200, it may send five; and having more than 350 it may send six Delegates. The Delegates from a Parish shall be chosen by its Wardens and Vestrymen; those from a Mission by its members; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by a Warden or by the Secretary of the Vestry (or Mission, as the case may be,) shall before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention.

On motion of Mr. W. J. Stuart :

Resolved, That the first recommendation of amendment of Act VI of the Constitution be approved and lie over to the next Convention for final action. It was so approved by a majority of each order.

The second proposition of amendment of Article VI came up for consideration.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Large :

Resolved, That the second proposition to amend Article VI of the Constitution be approved and lie over till the next Convention for final action.

Pending the discussion of which resolution the Convention took a recess (after singing the doxology and receiving the Blessing) till two o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY, June 8th, 2 p. m.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Rice Taylor.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

The discussion on the second proposition to amend Article VI of the Constitution was resumed.

The vote being taken resulted as follows :

Clerical—yeas, 12; nays, 2; Lay—yeas, 16; nays, 0.

The amendment lies over to the next Convention for final action.

The report of the Committee on Canons, amending Canon XVI, Sections 2 and 3 was taken up for consideration.

The proposition is to insert the words “and Mission” after word “Parishes” in section 2, line 2, and also in

section 3, line 1, insert after the word "Parish," the words "and Mission."

The propositions were both adopted by a canonical vote.

The proposition of the Committee to strike out subsection 3, of section 2, Canon XX, was on motion laid on the table.

The Rev. Wm. Morrall moved to re-consider the vote on Canon XVI, sections 2 and 3, which was carried.

On motion the subject was laid on the table.

The Committee on Canons reported the following amendment to Canon XI:

That the words "or their" be changed to "and the" in line 10 and strike out line 11 and following lines to the period in line 23, and insert the following: Notify the President of the Standing Committee at least three weeks before the General Convention whether they will attend or not to the duties of their office; and it shall be the duty of the said President in case any deputies-elect decline to serve as such, to notify the alternates consecutively of the vacancies, as they occur and see that they are filled by the acceptance of some alternate deputy.

On motion the amendment was approved unanimously.

Report of Special Committee on the Election of a Minister into a Parish:

Your Committee to whom was referred such portion of the Bishop's address to the Convention of 1886 as relates to the Election of a Minister into a Parish, beg leave to make the following

REPORT.

The subject matter presented for the consideration of the committee by the last Diocesan Convention as contained in the address here mentioned is to be found upon the 85th and 86th pages of the Journal of the last Convention.

Your committee are deeply impressed with the importance of the question submitted to them. The call and settlement of a minister in a vacant parish is not only of vital concern to the parish itself, involving as it does its prosperity and usefulness in a conspicuous degree, but is also intimately related to the real unity and harmonious action of the Diocese.

The selection of the minister, therefore, in the opinion of your committee should secure as far as practicable the united judgment and wisdom, both of the Vestry as the representative of the Parish and the Bishop as the repre-

sentative of a Diocesan unity. While therefore recognizing the traditional usage of the American branch of our Communion, which concedes to vestries the right to select the Rectors of vacant parishes, we are also persuaded that such selection should not be made without consultation and advice with the Bishop, or existing ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The Bishop especially is solemnly charged with the duty of guarding the Diocese from erroneous doctrines or practices and of promoting the genuine prosperity of each parish and of its unity as a whole. It is difficult to see how this duty can be rightly discharged by him without requiring vacant parishes to consult with him and to receive his suggestions before extending a call to a minister.

It is not to be supposed that the conditions and requirements of his Episcopal office in this regard are met by his being a mere register of the acts of vestries in calling their minister, especially as his very position as a Bishop of the Church gives his advice a value superior to that which may ordinarily be obtained from any other source. His means of information regarding the qualifications of Ministers, creed of their adaptedness to the several fields of labor in the portion of Christ's Kingdom under his charge appear to your committee to give his advisory suggestion a value, of which no vacant parish can well afford, under any circumstances, not to avail itself. Therefore it seems that the application for such Episcopal advice should be made imperative in every call of a Minister by a Vestry, and that a reasonable time should be given to the Bishop to offer suggestions and to give advice thereto before such call is made.

It also frequently happens that by reason of the neglect of a vestry to call a minister to a vacant parish, both the interests of the parish and of the church are made to suffer. To guard against the consequences of inaction on the part of a vestry in such cases, it is desirable to provide a remedy. There seems to be no authority more appropriate than that of the Bishop who represents the Diocese, and who from his position is familiar both with the requirements of the parish and the qualifications of Ministers in the church, to rely upon for securing that provision. The committee are not disposed to recommend, however, that the right of a Vestry to a voice in the settlement of a Minister should be wholly denied. We think that the object of harmonious and efficient action in the church would not be promoted by such denial. Accordingly, in order to embody the views here expressed in the law of the Diocese, both the point of Episcopal advice and of giving the Bishop a right to take the initiative in providing a minister for a parish which has been vacant for an unreasonable time, we recommend that section 2 of Canon X be so amended as to read as follows.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLARD.
H. F. SEVERENS.

See amendment as adopted.

The amendment was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund made the following reports:

Your committee having examined the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese and compared it with the vouchers submitted report the same correct.

W. J. DIBBLE.
SAMUEL L. FULLER.

Your committee having examined the account of the Treasurer of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, and compared it with the vouchers submitted, and report the same correct.

W. J. DIBBLE.

SAM'L L. FULLER.

Rev. Wm. Morrall, chairman of the Committee on the report of the Association of the Diocese submitted a report which was read and on motion recommitted with instructions to amend.

The Rev. Geo. W. West, chairman of the Committee on Christian Education submitted a report which was on motion of Mr. W. N. Brown recommitted with instruction to eliminate all reflection on the common school system of the State.

The Rev. Henry Hughes, chairman on Church Literature, submitted the following report which was accepted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

The subject of Church Literature has been brought to the attention of the Convention of this Diocese for several successive years.

But in view of the apparent indifference towards church work and parish support in many places, your Committee are forcibly impressed with the feeling that this subject has not taken such hold of the members of the Church in the Diocese as its importance demands.

One of the greatest needs of the day—for the growth of the Church—is that Church members be well informed not only as to the *claims* of the Church, but also as regards the *work* of the Church. They should know well what the Church is *doing* in our own Diocese—in our own land—and in the world at large.

It is certainly true that people are more interested in what they are conversant with, than in anything of which they are ignorant.

It is the *duty*, then, of all members of the Church to be thoroughly acquainted with the work of the Church, and to be at once interested, intelligent and broad Churchmen in the best sense.

The failure to be thus informed, when the means of acquiring the necessary information are so abundant, and within reach of all, shows either a lack of appreciation of the blessings we have received through the labors and self-denials of others, or else it proves us to be utterly selfish, not *willing* to know about the work of the Church—its trials and conquests, its needs and its demands—because the knowledge would bring with it claims upon our time or our means, claims which we are not anxious to allow, but rather ignore and disregard.

But we shall never be acquitted of the guilt of ignorance whilst the means of enlightenment are within our reach.

Ignorance in such cases is *not* bliss.

It seems to your Committee that, in consequence of this lack of information regarding the work of the Church by many of our people—otherwise cultured

and intelligent—the work of the Church languishes amidst opportunities for acquiring the knowledge necessary to inspire all to vigorous action for the Church's growth.

The indifference to Church work in the Diocese shows itself in the large number of members of the Church who do not inform themselves as to what the Church is doing in the Diocese.

How anxious they would be to hear from any members of their family who should be absent. If they received *one* letter only a month from those absent ones, what heart-burnings and heart-aches they would have, how restless they would become between *letter* days; and yet as children of the "Family of God,"—members of the "Household of Faith"—they seem quite content to remain in entire ignorance as regards their brethren in the Diocese—indifferent as to how they do, and how they fare.

It seems to your Committee that the remedy for this lack of interest in the work of the Diocese can be supplied in no way better than by the information given every month in the Diocesan paper—the "Church Helper"—telling of the labors of our Bishop and Missionaries; the encouragements which come to them from gladdening the hearts of those to whom they minister, and the discouragements which come from the withholdings of sympathy and support by many in the Diocese who call themselves brethren, but open neither hand nor heart to show their love for the brethren.

The Church Helper, as a means of communication between the Bishop and the Church in the Diocese—and as between all the brethren—ought to be heartily welcomed in every Church family as a letter from loved absent ones, as a message from Father and brethren telling us what we ought to be very anxious to know; how the Church of God of which we are all members, and the salvation of Jesus Christ of which we are all partakers, are being made known to the many people around us—aye, in our very midst—who are destitute of these blessings, and are as sheep having no shepherd. The circulation of the Church Helper ought to be, at once, largely increased; and the best way to secure the desired larger circulation is not—in the opinion of your Committee—by the Clergy speaking to their people generally in Church about this matter, but by making personal appeals to them, as brethren of Christ, to take more interest in the work of Christ's Church in the Diocese; and to know by reading at least, what they cannot know by experience—the work that is being done in this part of God's vineyard by faithful husbandmen to make it fruitful and acceptable unto God.

If the Clergy of the Diocese will be thus active in the matter, the people will become interested, and as their knowledge of the work increases, their love and good work will abound, their hearts will warm and their hands will open, and the work of the Church will be advanced greatly by the prayers and offerings of many people now indifferent because not interested, and not interested because not knowing, as they might know through the Diocesan paper, the work done and needing to be done at our very doors.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity let us do what we can to awaken our people to an active interest in the work of the Church in our Diocese. And as it seems certain that the desired interest will be best awakened by an extensive circulation of the Church Helper—by having it welcomed into every family—let us labor to that end, and an impetus will thus be given to all Church work—Parochial, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign—and our people will then be members, not only of this Mission or that Parish but, of the Holy Catholic Church—yes, they will not only be Episcopallians but Churchmen, in living Communion and Fellowship with their brethren in all the world. And being

such, they will desire to know of the work of the whole Church, and in addition to the Diocesan paper which gives them news of their nearest brethren they will welcome to their homes a weekly Church paper, and will gladly subscribe for the "Spirit of Missions" which ought to be in every home, telling as it does of the great and grand victories of Faith, the sacrifices of brave men and women who left all the comforts and endearments of home to carry the "good tidings" of great joy,"—the blessed Gospel of peace and salvation to the benighted nations of the world.

But our people need to know not only of the work of the Church, but to be well informed as to the claims of the Church.

In these days of much talk and discussion of the subject of Church Unity, it is essentially necessary that our people know well the claims of the Church as to its divine origin and historic continuity.

They know already, many of them, why they are Episcopalians, and could give, perhaps, several reasons why they are such, but to become Churchmen, and able to give reasons for being Churchmen, a simple course of reading in Church literature would be very helpful.

And for this end not many books are necessary, but just such books as will, if read, establish them in the faith, strengthen and settle them in their Churchmanship, and make them intelligent Churchmen, ready always to give an answer to everyone that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them, both as to their faith and their Church.

For this purpose, your Committee would earnestly recommend that every Parish and Mission have a library of its own.

If a few books of the right kind were kept circulating among the members of a Parish, such books, for instance—as "*The Double Witness of the Church*," "*Church Doctrine and Bible Truth*," "*Reasons for being a Churchman*," and a few others, the results would certainly be gratifying and satisfactory. For the small sum of fifteen or twenty dollars, or even for ten dollars, any Parish might purchase books enough to begin this work, and would soon receive large interest in the way of greater zeal for the Church, and more earnestness in winning souls, by all who had their faith strengthened, and their knowledge increased, as to the claims of the Church by reading such books as we have mentioned.

A Parish is not equipped, as it should be, for active work, that has not on hand for distribution and circulation tracts and books on the important topics of Church doctrine and worship.

Thousands of people, to-day, are afloat as it were, drifting here and there—looking and longing for the safe harbor—who would gladly and thankfully find shelter, and would anchor sure and steadfast in the Church of Christ did they know of its origin and its history, its faith and worship.

And our own people would be better prepared to make the Church known to others; and thus do the work of Missionaries—unto which they were all called by Baptism—"laborers together with God," in gathering into the Church all who are without, were they well read in the history of the Church and able to give reasons for being Churchmen.

The aim of the Church at all times and in all places should be to teach and instruct, to raise the tone of our Parish life and work spiritually as well as temporally.

Much good might be done in this direction at meetings of Guilds and benevolent societies, at sewing meetings, etc. Such gatherings might, in the judgment of your Committee, be made very profitable to the soul's health of all present if the reading of Church literature found a place there.

The danger in all such meetings and societies is that of forgetting we are members of Christ, assembled to work for His cause and for His poor in His name, and forgetting this to thus secularize all our works and labors, and make them partake of the character of business in which the thought of "*how much we can do*" is uppermost; and the thought of Him Whose we are, and Whom we profess to serve is lost amid the thoughts of toils and cares undertaken professedly in His name.

If all such meetings were opened and closed with prayer; and if the reading of some good book of Church literature formed a part of the work, or rather pleasure, of such meetings the benefit to the souls of the workers and toilers of our Parishes would doubtless be very great.

With such a treasury of good books to select from as the Church now possesses, books devotional, doctrinal, historical, biographical; books of heroes, and of martyrs for the love of Christ—books of the faith and works of godly men and women—the time is past for any of our people to be uninformed—except willingly—of anything and everything that goes to make thorough Churchmen: knowing why they are Churchmen, able also and willing, and not afraid to make known why they never could be anything else.

This is the kind of Churchmanship needed to-day—an intelligent Churchmanship, which is always accompanied by zeal and earnestness for the upbuilding—the edifying of the Body of Christ. And this is always to be found in those who have given some time, not much maybe, to inform themselves by reading of the claims of the historic Church of Christ.

Our Parishes do not appreciate as they ought the importance of this subject of Church literature—of having in constant circulation books, pamphlets and papers the reading of which would build up the people in their holy faith and inspire them with a desire to know more and do more in the way of godliness. The Church will grow and increase as the knowledge of her increases and is spread abroad. To know her is to love her and to labor for her increase. A few intelligent, well read Churchmen are a power of good in any Parish.

This power we need to have increased. It can best be done by Clergy and Laity together—cultivating the love of Church literature—making known to all by means of Parish libraries the knowledge so much desired and which would gratefully be received by thousands and tens of thousands in our streets.

Other Christian bodies realize the value of this work; and labor assiduously to propagate their opinions. Let the Church not lag behind in making known the Truth as it is in Jesus.

With our Diocesan paper and a Church weekly in every family, and a Parish library in active circulation in our Parishes and Missions our Diocese would put on strength, the Church would lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes, people would hasten to her services and the Cross of Christ would triumph gloriously.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HUGHES.
BELNO A. BROWN.
F. A. GORHAM.
JOHN C. ENGLISH.

The next order of business being the election of officers the Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer.

The Rev. A. P. Greenleaf and Mr. E. T. Montgomery were appointed Tellers.

The Tellers having retired the business of the Convention was proceeded with.

The Committee on the Report of the Association of the Diocese to whom was recommitted their report with instructions to amend submitted the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Association of the Diocese has examined the Report and vouchers and would respectfully recommend as follows: That the financial report is correct and would respectfully beg the Convention to receive it as such.

They offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, With the permission of the Convention, the members of the Association of the Diocese be instructed (as the financial condition shows such a small deficit) to return to the Bishop the seven hundred (700) dollars that he has so kindly contributed.

Resolved, That the Committee on Assessment be instructed by the Convention to increase the assessments on the Parishes so as to meet the traveling expenses of the Bishop, the amount being two hundred and fifty (250) dollars as stated in his letter.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. WM. MORRALL.
REV. T. J. KNAPP, D. D.
MR. C. G. A. VOIGT.
MR. JAMES SMITH.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of ballots cast for Treasurer of the Convention is 34 all of which were cast for Mr. T. P. Sheldon, who is elected.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF.
ETHAN T. MONTGOMERY.

The Chair appointed as Tellers for the election of Registrar, the Rev. Belno A. Brown, M. D. and Mr. W. H. Stanhope.

The following nominations were made: Rev. Geo. W. West and Rev. S. H. Woodford.

The Committee on Christian Education having amended their report according to instructions, submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

In the whole Diocese of Western Michigan there is not one Church school where our sons and daughters can be trained in the principles of the holy

churen. Is not this a most startling consideration? Is it possible that we priests have forgotten the apostolic commission: "Go ye, therefore, and *teach* all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost?" *Teaching* them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Are we commissioned to *preach*? So are we to *teach*. How can the Christian minister discharge himself of this great responsibility. To my mind, the Christian Education of our children is one paramount to all others, for without a Christian boy you cannot have a Christian man. To impart this Christian education is the divinely appointed office of the Church. Not to gather a few hundred souls into the pews, and tickle them once or twice on Sunday with moral platitudes and goody talk. Not to gather a few hundred children into the Sunday School, for an hour once a week, and teach them the height of Mount Pisgah, or how far is Jerusalem from Jericho. But we do want to gather our boys and girls into a working, organized and well-disciplined ~~army~~ to go forth and do battle against ignorance and sin. The grandest duty, the highest function, the holiest work of the Christian congregation, guided by the Christian pastor is Christian education.

We will not consider, what all know so well and especially from Reports like this for the past twenty years, we will not consider the incompetency of the Sunday School, nor the neglect of parents, nor the growing wickedness of our boys and girls, nor the lawlessness of our young men and women, nor the irreverence and indifference of men, nor the infidelity everywhere, but go at once to the remedy, simple, plain and practical, which in the opinion of your Committee will right the wrong, save our boys to the Church and exert an influence that will go on and on in a geometrical ratio when we are dead and forgotten in our graves.

But first we would accept the hard, stern fact that we have not the money nor the men to found and carry on Parish schools, Church schools and colleges. Sad, but true. We must give up our ideals. We are living only for a little while in the world just as it is, and all know what a money-getting and money-keeping world it is.

Secondly, we are living in a land that is doing more for the education of the young, than was ever done before, by any nation under heaven. More than that. We are living in a State that is accomplishing more for the higher education of boys and girls, men and women, than any State from Maine to California. *Quæ cum ita sint, quid faciemus?*

Do? Let every priest of us go back to our Parishes, and in our studies, our vestry rooms, our sacristies, our guild rooms, our chapels, any where we can find a place big or little, gather in the young and take into our own hands the task of teaching Geography and the Catechism—History of the United States and the history of the Church—Grammar of our English tongue and the Grammar of Theology—Metaphysics and the Creed—Latin and the Prayer Book—Greek and the Bible—Civil Government and Episcopacy, the Divine Polity of the Church of God. No parish priest should ever relieve himself of the sacred responsibility of teaching one or two hours each day the dogmas and principles of our most holy faith.

Above all look up two or three bright boys, which can be found in every Sunday School in the land, take an interest in their intellectual progress and welfare, make them your personal friends, turn their minds towards the sacred ministry, and teach them the nobility and dignity and grandeur of being a priest in the Church of God, to stand at her altar to feed souls with the Bread of Heaven, and to go out in the lanes and hovels of men and save souls from hell.

They will catch the inspiration and zeal and fire of the Holy Ghost—if we

first have it ourselves—they will long to enroll themselves as captains under the army of our Great Captain and they will learn the truth that we know so well; that, to be an humble means by the Hands of God of saving souls, in the humblest Parish in the land is better far than to be a king upon his throne.

So doing we can solve the great problem of Christian education in this land, by giving to those who wish, along with the highest secular education given by the State, a knowledge of Holy Scripture, Church History, Christian Literature and the dogmas of Christ's one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. There will be answered the mighty supplication of all our people as it goes up to heaven, in the newly added petition of our Litany:

"That Thou wouldst send forth laborers unto Thine harvest.

We beseech Thee to hear us good Lord."

GEO. W. WEST.

G. C. V. EASTMAN.

ELLSWORTH S. ELLIS, M. D.

Invitations were given by the following Parishes to the Convention to meet with them next year: St. Paul's, Muskegon; Grace Church, Grand Rapids; St. Thomas', Battle Creek; St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

The vote being taken in order beginning with the last resulted in the selection of St. Thomas', Battle Creek, as the place of meeting next year.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The whole number of votes cast for Registrar is 38 of which the Rev. Geo. W. West has received 31, and he is accordingly elected.

B. A. BROWN.

W. H. STANHOPE.

The Chair appointed the Rev. J. A. McGlone and Mr. James A. Way, Tellers on the election of Standing Committee of the Diocese.

On motion of Rev. Geo. W. West:

Resolved, That the sum of 38 dollars be appropriated for the incidental expenses of the Registrar's office.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Chairman of the Committee on Canons submitted their report on the Canon for the election of a Bishop which was read.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Taylor:

Resolved, That the Canon or Canons proposed for the

election of a Bishop be postponed to the next Convention for consideration.

Resolved, That the proposed Canon or Canons be published at an early date in the Church Helper.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham :

Resolved, That the Convention appropriate \$5 to the sexton of this church for his services, and also the sum of \$2.50 to each of the pages.

On motion of the Rev. M. S. Woodruff:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to pay the sum of \$50.00 to the Secretary of the Convention for his services.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Large, the Registrar was authorized to prepare a report to print in the Journal.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have printed a suitable number of the Journals of this Convention.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The whole number of votes cast for Standing Committee is 35; necessary to a choice 18; of which the Rev. J. W. Bancroft received 27; the Rev. Campell Fair. D. D., 28; the Rev. J. N. Rippey 28; the Rev. R. E. Jones 25; Mr. W. R. Shelby 35; Mr. H. S. Severens 32; and Mr. W. J. Stuart 27; and they are accordingly elected.

JAMES A. McGLONE.
JAMES A. WAY.

The Chair appointed the Rev. R. E. Jones and Mr. O. H. Dean as Tellers on the election of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Chairman of the Committee on Lay Work, submitted the following report which was accepted :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Lay Helpers respectfully beg leave to report: They find that provision is made under Canon of the General Convention for the appointment of Lay Readers and for the assignment of duties at the discretion of the Bishop.

The Committee think that the practical question is: "How to awaken the Laity to a sense of their duty and privilege in Church work." It is suggested that if they could appreciate the fact that they are in a very deep sense a royal priesthood, that the "noblesse oblige" is theirs, they would have a power which, if earnestly exercised, might greatly increase the influence of the Church. Under certain limitations the Canon allows them the same power that a clergyman has except the administration of the Holy Communion and the pronouncing of Absolution and Benediction. It is to be noted, however, that the blessing which an earnest Layman can bring to his brethren is very great.

Privilege always implies responsibility and if Laymen know that they are the children of God it is their duty to proclaim the blessing and urge others to be partakers with them. Surely this is the motive power of all preaching whether clerical or lay.

At the same time it is necessary to overcome the spirit which sneeringly says, "only lay service!" Our Lord did not say where two or three, one being a clergyman, are gathered together there am I. Laymen may and ought to gather for the worship of God and if there be no authorized teacher every Christian has the right to offer prayer to Almighty God in public or in private.

The Committee suggest that this Convention declare that Laymen be invited and urged to do all the Bishop may direct for the bringing into operation the power in their hands and that the sphere of their operations be made as large as possible. The Committee suggest that the advisability of a Lay Helpers organization be referred to the Standing Committee on Lay Helpers with instructions to report at the next Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF.

W. P. BROWN.

C. E. ELLIS, M. D.

The Rev. J. N. Rippey offered the following supplemental report which was on motion referred to a special committee of three to report at the next Convention :

REPORT UPON THE REVIVAL OF PRIMITIVE DIACONATE.

The great importance of increasing the working forces of the Church was never more apparent than now. The needs of parochial life, the growth and extension of the missionary enterprises, both intra- and extra-parochial call for some additional methods of reaching the desired results. But has not the Church practically laid aside one of the very functions which will fill the gap we see widening every year. The problem how to reach the masses may be largely solved by the restoration of the third order of the ministry. Where is the primitive order of the Diaconate? The Church must say it is not in me, the Presbyterians must say not in me. Where anywhere in the Church of God is the primitive Diaconate in its true and proper function carrying on the work of the Church? Nowhere, so far as the writer is aware. The revival of the order of Deacons is an important movement. Why shall not the Church now through her Bishops select men full of the faith and the Holy Ghost and set them apart to the work which comes within the scope of the office of a Deacon? The parish priest is doing the work of Bishop, Priest, Deacon and often Layman. No man, or at least very few men are qualified for much varied work. In every parish of one hundred communicants there ought to be one or more deacons to assist the priest, and, were it possible, that the present system of vestry-men could be merged into the Parochial Diacon-

ate and seven men of honest report full of the Holy Ghost and of faith could be found, then might not only the affairs of the parish be administered well, but the daily office might be restored and an infusion of spiritual life might be seen corresponding to the increased clerical force. These men need not leave their secular callings, for the spiritual work would not interfere with their secular duties. But how can such a revival be accomplished? Manifestly public church opinion must be manufactured in its favor. Perhaps the law of the general Church may need some changes, still the best way to test the utility of such a parochial Diaconate would be to select and ordain such men—just as the ordination of Deaconesses has created public opinion in their favor. It may require some positive convictions on the part of the Bishop, an earnest desire and wholesome views of its necessity among the priesthood, still if we are ever to do the work of the Church, it must be in the Church's way. The Lay reader would be instead a Deacon who could read service, baptize, and preach if licensed thereto by the Bishop. How often is it that the priest is not able through indispotion to perform his work on the Lord's Day; in such a case how helpful the Parochial Diaconate would be. The Deacons of the Presbyterians and other bodies, while not having all the features of the primitive Diaconate is an effort in that direction. Their usefulness has no doubt been very great, and while the office is falling somewhat in general estimation, so that they only serve a term of years it may have been brought to this condition by the very fact which the Apostolic Diaconate clearly shows that it possessed. As this decay goes on, it is instructive that the Church is moving in the direction of restoring it in its original character. Shall we not move along this line, even in advance of others, if need be, because the work is so very pressing? In this connection reference is made to a capital sermon upon this subject, preached by the late Rev. O. Witherspoon before the convocation of New Haven, Conn. It is an admirable setting forth of a subject which needs all the light that can be brought to bear upon it.

No doubt the Lay Helpers Association of the Church of England, as well as that of the Diocese of Long Island, may bring out the unused powers of the Laity it is manifest that it is only a confession of what the Diaconate in a permanent form will secure to the Church. The Diaconate is a part of the divine economy of the Church, and we have no right to legislate it out of existence. It becomes us to do all in our power to restore it to its true and proper place rather than to use it as a stepping stone only to the Priesthood. In thus calling attention to this subject we would suggest such legislation as would seem to meet the case, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That as the Diaconate is a part of the divine constitution of the ministry of the Church of Christ, such change if necessary, should be made in our General and Diocesan Canon law as would meet the requirements of raising upon our own soil a ministry as fellow helpers of the priesthood.

To carry out the intent of this resolution the following Canon is submitted, to be numbered Canon XIV.

CANON XIV.

OF PAROCHIAL DEACONS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every congregation, when possible, to elect one or more for the office and work of a Deacon in the Parish where he lives, who shall be thereupon recommended to the Bishop in the usual form for ordination to that Holy office.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of such Deacon to confine his ministrations to the Parish in which he is elected, under the direction of the Priest, according to the Canon law of the Church.

SEC. 3. Such Deacon shall not be required to give up his secular calling, nor shall he be entitled to a seat in the Diocesan Convention by virtue of such office.

Resolved, That the Canons following be numbered in order.

The Secretary, the Rev. M. S. Woodruff, of the Grand Rapids convocation submitted the

REPORT OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCACTION.

The Grand Rapids Convocation during the past year has held two meetings, the first at Grace Church, Traverse City in September, 1886, the second at Big Rapids during the session of this Convention, at which the Rev. J. S. Large was re-elected President, and the Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Secretary.

The meeting of the Convocation at Traverse City was of an interesting character. All our convocations have been both enjoyable and profitable. It is good for the brethren to meet together, and to be with the Bishop as often as possible. Such meetings certainly have a tendency to stimulate thought, and unite us more closely.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. WOODRUFF, Secretary.

The Chairman of the Committee on the American Church Building Fund Commission submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE "AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMISSION."

The Committee having charge of that portion of the Bishop's address referring to the "American Church Building Fund Commission" respectfully urge upon the Convention the great desirability of supporting this Church effort to the full extent, within the power of every member of the Diocese.

Church Buildings preach the Gospel of the grace of God. Their erection gives *visibility* to the Church and its Missions; we cannot expect a full measure of attainable success, unless we erect in every available locality a proper edifice for the worship of God and the work of the Church. If we can build suitable Churches in convenient localities, we shall be securing for the Church and Diocese, that which will prove part of its greatest strength and most efficient agency.

The object of the "American Church Building Fund Commission" is to aid in this great work of Church erection; and this it accomplishes by loans from its funds, to such Parishes and Missions, as in the judgment of the Commission are most in need of assistance. Those loans are secured to the Commission, interest paid on them and in due time the loan is repaid to the Commission, when again this money goes out to some other Church or Mission for the erection of another House of God. And thus the great work can go on in ceaseless good.

At first it was proposed to raise one million dollars for this purpose, using only the interest for such loans, but the smallness of the donation (under \$100,000) was too limited to allow the interest to do much good; hence it was that the system of loans from the principal was adopted: and thus soon, by this plan, has been secured from a small amount what was estimated would require one million dollars to accomplish.

This great work of the Church fairly appeals to this Diocese for proportionate support. One of our parishes has borrowed \$50 from its Funds; other parishes can go and do likewise; but we cannot consistently expect to be helped unless we are ourselves willing to help on the leading features of the Commission to such an extent as is within our power. The Committee asks for the adoption of the following resolution.

1. That this Convention hereby expresses its approval of the object and methods of the "American Church Building Fund Commission."

2. That the Committee be continued with power to appeal throughout the Diocese on behalf of the "American Church Building Fund Commission."

CAMPBELL FAIR.

B. A. BROWN.

F. A. GORHAM.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Chairman of the Committee on Canons submitted the following report on the election of a Minister into a parish; pending the reading of the report the Tellers on the election of the Board of Missions appeared and made the following

REPORT.

The whole number of votes cast is 36; necessary to a choice 18; of which the Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. received 28; the Rev. R. E. Jones 28; the Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D. 26; the Rev. J. N. Rippey 25; Mr. C. B. Mosher 32; Mr. E. F. Sweet 27; Mr. F. A. Gorham 30; Mr. W. J. Dibble 25; Mr. D. G. Robinson 21; who are all elected.

Yet to be elected one clerical member.

R. F. JONES.

O. H. DEAN.

The Convention proceeded to elect the clerical member required.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft proceeded with his report.

Pending which the Tellers appeared with their report on the election of a clerical member to the Board of Missions.

REPORT OF TELLERS.

Whole number of votes cast 31; necessary to a choice 16, of which the Rev. Geo. W. West received 17 who is elected.

R. E. JONES.

E. S. ELLIS.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, the Convention took a recess till 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p. m.

Convention met at the call of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Bancroft proceeded with his report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. H. S. Severens:

Resolved, That the amendment of the Canon recommended in the report be approved. It was so approved by a canonical vote.

The following is the amendment as adopted:

OF THE ELECTION OF A MINISTER INTO A PARISH.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect; and it shall be unlawful for the Parish or Vestry to take action on any name until the receipt of the Bishop's acknowledgement of such notification, and of his accompanying suggestions, if there be any: Provided, he be at the time within the territory of the United States; and that his reply be not deferred longer than thirty days after the receipt of said notification. On the election of a Minister they shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee a notice of the same; and if the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, if the Standing Committee be satisfied, that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of the Church, and accepts the same, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a record book for that purpose, and said record book shall be legal evidence of the certified relationship between the Minister and the Parish. If after the expiration of six months, the Vestry of a Church which has become vacant, shall fail to call or settle a Minister, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to appoint one, and he shall notify the Vestry of such appointment, and upon their concurrence, the minister so appointed shall become Rector of the Church.

The Rev. R. E. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Sunday School Instruction presented the following report which on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hughes was laid on the table for consideration at the next Convention.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

Your Committee, according to the direction of the Bishop, presented a preliminary report on Sunday School Instruction to the Semi Annual Missionary Conference held at Grand Haven last autumn. The Report was made the subject of general discussion, turning chiefly on the second point of the work of the Committee, namely the recommendation of text books for Sunday School use throughout the Diocese the following text books were found to have the approval of a majority of the Clergy and are therefore accepted by the Committee as those which they desire to present for the use of the Diocese.

Primary or Infant Class: "The Calvary Catechism" or "The Timothy Catechism."

Intermediate Department: "The Bishop Doane series graded, called "Manuals of Christian Doctrine."

Bible Classes or Adult Department: Rev. G. W. McClear's "Manual of Old Testament History," "Manual of New Testament History," "Manual of the Church Catechism."

Where it is desired to use one text book throughout an ungraded school, the recent publication of the Rev. Dr. Fair, Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, is recommended.

Respectfully submitted.

R. E. JONES, Chairman.
W. MORRALL.

The Rev. R. E. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Clerical Changes, presented the following report which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREQUENT CLERICAL CHANGES AND THE SECURING OF CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Your Committee feel that the matters laid at its door for consideration and elucidation are too weighty and at the same time too general to be profitably made the subject of a treatise on twenty-four hours notice amid the engrossing demands of Convention business. They therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Convention appoint a Committee for the consideration of these matters to report to the next Semi-Annual Missionary Conference and also the next Diocesan Convention. The Committee also suggest as the interests at stake are of most grave importance and concern, that the able and devoted mover of the reference to this hour be appointed Chairman of the proposed Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

R. E. JONES, Chairman.
W. J. STUART.
CHARLES B. MOSHER.

The Rev. D. D. Chapin, Chairman of the Committee on Church Unity, presented the following report which was accepted:

REPORT ON CHURCH UNITY.

The Committee to whom that portion of the Bishop's Address, referring to Church Unity was committed, beg leave briefly to report:

It is a source of great rejoicing that Christian men of many names should be taking seriously to heart the needless divisions and rents in the Garment of the Lord. We can best believe that the impulse towards a corporate Unity comes from the Holy Ghost; with this thought in mind, we are grateful that the Fathers of our own Body have been permitted to be the instruments of first giving voice to this impulse. Such being the fact, a heavy burden is on us; as suggested in the Address that we look to ourselves, that we present to

the world an example of unity, and not of division and distraction among ourselves. We should have deep searchings of heart, to find out wherein we have departed from the pattern of Apostolic things, lest we be subject to the taunt, "Physician, heal thyself."

But after all we must remember that this is God's work and not ours. God will bring the Ark home in his own way. Our part is that of prayer, and faith and hope. The touch of our sacrilegious hand may bring disaster upon ourselves; certainly it will, unless our hands be clean. And are they clean? Here our care and duty lie. In this as in all other deep things we must learn to labor, pray and wait.

Respectfully submitted.

D. D. CHAPIN.
T. J. KNAPP, D. D.
W. P. BROWN.

The Rev. Wm. Morrall offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Convention are due, and hereby tendered to the Rector and Laymen, but more especially to the ladies of St. Andrew's, Big Rapids, for the Christian, cordial treatment, the abounding hospitality and generous treatment with which this Convention has been favored.

8 P. M.

Missionary service was held by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. B. A. Brown and the Rev. Henry Hughes.

Mr. D. G. Robinson, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, presented the following report which was on motion referred to the Standing Committee on the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

<i>In Account with Diocesan Mission Fund.</i>						Dr.
May 26, 1886, Cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$602 55
From David Fisher in memory of L. C. Chapin, M. D.,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Rec'd Miss Penfield,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
" Rev. W. S. Hayward,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " J. N. Rippey,	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
" " J. B. Prichard,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " F. A. De Rosset,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " I. C. V. Eastman, D. D.,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " R. E. Jones,	-	-	-	-	-	8 34

Rec'd Mrs. G. C. Burnham,	25 00
" Misses Annie and Madge Burnham,	5 00
" Mrs. G. T. Clark,	5 00
" Mrs. D. G. Robinson,	5 00
" Amelia G. Fuller, for needy Missionary Work,	100 00
" Miss D. Chipman,	1 00
" Capt. J. L. Foweler, Fort Klamath, Or.,	5 00
" E. S. Hazeltine, M. D.,	25 00
" Mendon,	3 00
" Kalamazoo Draft from Bishop Gillespie,	3 00
" Luther,	9 50
" Charlevoix,	31 78
" The Board of Missions through the General Missionary,	541 67
" East Jordan,	2 39
" Tustin,	8 18
" Hon. N. P. Loveredge,	10 00
" Kalkaska,	8 85
" Grace, Miss Stanton,	26 60
" Grace, Ludington,	5 00
" St. Luke's, Kalamazoo,	300 00
" " Andrew's, Big Rapids,	40 00
" " Paul's, Manistee,	41 81
" " Matthias' Eaton Rapids,	4 72
" " Paul's, Grand Rapids,	10 00
" " Paul's, Elk Rapids, S. S. 10	35 00
" " James' Pentwater,	14 99
" " John's, Harbor Springs,	24 93
" " Mark's, Grand Rapids,	500 00
" " Mark's, Coldwater,	60 00
" " Paul's, Greenville,	15 04
" " John's, Quincy,	10 00
" " John's, Mt. Pleasant,	30 00
" " Paul's, Muskegon, S. S., 10,	50 00
" " Thomas', Battle Creek,	100 00
" " James', Albion,	10 00
" " John's Ionia,	70 53
" " Trinity, Grand Rapids,	10 00
" " " Marshall,	115 10
" " " Niles,	30 17
" " Grace, Holland,	49 06
" " Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall,	35 28
" " Good Shepherd, S. S. 10,	103 00
" " " Miss Wilkes' S. S. class,	10 00
" " All Saints', Saugatuck,	11 56
" " " " per Individual,	10 00
" " Emmanuel Mission, Petoskey,	29 22
" " " Hasting, S. S. 5,	60 00
" " " " S. S., additional Lenten Savings,	5 00
" " St. Matthews, Baldwin,	3 00
" Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor,	10 00
" Christ Homer,	5 00
" St. James', Rockford, per Rev. J. W. Bancroft,	7 06
" F. A. Gorham,	10 00
" A. W. Veal,	2 00
" F. A. Gorham, interest on Hanchet mortgage,	85 75
" " " " Martin mortgage,	10 00

Rec'd in a letter from N. Y. to the Bishop,	-	-	-	5 00
" Grace, Grand Rapids,	-	-	-	50 00
" Rev. D. D. Chapin,	-	-	-	5 00
" Frank Seep,	-	-	-	5 00
" St. Marks', Paw Paw, per Judge Mills,	-	-	-	5 00
" Grace, Traverse City,	-	-	-	8 50

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Paid Rev. C. C. Tate, express account,	-	-	-	\$ 10 00
Transferred to Deaf Mute Fund,	-	-	-	59 00
" " Book and Tract Fund,	-	-	-	20 00
Paid General Missionary Stipend and Expense,	-	-	-	1,200 00
" Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, stipend,	-	-	-	150 00
" " J. B. Prichard, stipend,	-	-	-	200 00
" " G. W. S. Ayres, stipend and expenses,	-	-	-	285 00
" " J. A. McGlone,	"	"	"	150 00
" " B. A. Brown,	"	"	"	200 00
" " M. Morris,	"	"	"	50 00
" " Henry Hughes,	"	"	"	25 00
" " C. C. Tate, Sundays at Harbor Springs	-	-	-	24 00
" " Wm. Morrall for two services and expenses at Harbor Springs and Charlevoix,	-	-	-	21 00
" " J. N. Rippey, service at Charlevoix,	-	-	-	8 34
" " A. Wetherbee, service at Eaton Rapids,	-	-	-	5 00
" " M. S. Woodruff, service at Harbor Springs,	-	-	-	8 34
" " R. E. Jones, service at Charlevoix,	-	-	-	8 34
" " C. T. Stout, four services at Harbor Springs and Charlevoix,	-	-	-	33 34
" " J. A. McGlone, service at Harbor Springs,	-	-	-	8 34
" " F. A. De Rosset, service at Charlevoix,	-	-	-	8 34
" " J. W. Bancroft, clerical services rendered on Church Helper,	-	-	-	50 00
" Mrs. Julia M. Hadley, expenses as Sec'y of Woman's Auxiliary,	-	-	-	10 00
" W. P. Brown, Charlevoix, from income of Mrs. Curtis' bequest,	-	-	-	50 00
" Dennis & Slingerland printing bill,	-	-	-	2 50
" Freight and Truckage on Bishop's chair from Charlotte, same sent to Pentwater,	-	-	-	45
" Treasurer, account for Postage, Blank Books, etc.	-	-	-	6 80

\$2,584 29

Balance on hand carried from old to new account,	-	-	-	989 40
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June 7, 1887, Balance on hand,	-	-	-	\$989 40
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D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

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D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Bishop's Trust Fund.

-	-	\$367 29
Home Fund,	-	2 51
Church S. S., Philadelphia, per Rev. E. C.	-	
of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw,	-	25 00
Miss Hesses' bequest,	-	5 00
Rev. E. M. Bateman,	-	2 50
E. F. Sweet for Missionary work,	-	10 00
a Parishioner of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids,	-	20 00

1887. MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT. 1887.

Albion, St. James'.....	\$ 15 00	Baldwin, St. Matthew's.....	\$ 3 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	30 00	Benton Harbor.....	15 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'....	115 00	Charlevoix.....	10 00
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's.....	45 00	Coopersville, Epiphany.....	3 00
Coldwater, St. Mark's.....	30 00	Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias....	3 00
Elk Rapids, St. Paul's.....	30 00	Greenville, St. Paul's.....	10 00
Grand Haven, St. John's.....	30 00	Harbor Springs.....	10 00
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	675 00	Kalkaska.....	5 00
" St. Paul's.....	15 00	Luther.....	5 00
" Grace.....	60 00	Manistee, St. Paul's.....	15 00
" Trinity.....	15 00	Mt. Pleasant, St. John's.....	30 00
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	65 00	Newaygo, St. Mark's.....	10 00
Holland, Grace.....	5 00	Petoskey, Emmanuel.....	10 00
Homer, Christ.....	15 00	Pentwater, St. James'.....	10 00
Ionia, St. John's.....	30 00	Quincy, St. John's.....	15 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	350 00	Rockford, St. James'.....	5 00
Ludington, Grace.....	5 00	Stanton.....	10 00
Marshall, Trinity.....	140 00	Tustin.....	5 00
Muskegon, St. Paul's.....	60 00		
Niles, Trinity.....	25 00		\$174 00
Paw Paw, St. Mark's.....	5 00		
Saranac, Trinity.....	5 00		
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	10 00		
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	5 00		
Traverse City, Grace.....	20 00		
Union City, Grace.....	5 00		
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	5 00		
Total, Parishes.....	\$1,860 00		
Missions.....	174 00		
	\$2,034 00		

LIST OF UNPAID PLEDGES.

Time when made.		June 7, 1887.
1875.	Rev. S. H. Woodford,	\$ 5 00
1882.	H. D. Pessell,	10 00
1882, 3, 4.	All Saints, Saugatuck,	5 58
1882, 3, 4.	Trinity, Niles,	27 85
1883.	St. John's, Grand Haven,	30 00
1883.	Grace, Grand Rapids,	55 00
1883, 4, 5.	St. John's, Quincy.	5 73
1883, 5.	Good Shepherd, (now Trinity), Grand Rapids,	34 50
1883.	Thomas Pierce, Grand Rapids,	5 00
1884, 6.	Grace, Traverse City,	21 50
1884.	Mendon,	10 00
1885.	H. C. or N. C. (per Rev. H. F. Cook)	2 00
1886.	Good Shepherd, S. S. Allegan, Ballance,	5 00
1886.	Trinity, Three Rivers.	5 00
1886.	Rev. F. A. De Rosset,	95 00
1886.	Mrs. L. D. Follett,	5 00
1886.	P. A. Von Weller,	5 00
		\$327 11

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1886. *In account with Book and Tract Fund.*

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

1886. *In account with New Book Fund.*

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

1886-7. *In account with the Bishop's Trust Fund.*

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April 26.	" " Church Transfiguration S. S., Philadelphia, per Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D., - - -	118 29
June 7.	Interest of Certificates of Deposits, - - -	7 20
	Rec'd from "Candidates for Holy Orders" Fund, - - -	21 00

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June 22.	Deposited in City Bank, Grand Rapids, - - -	\$250 00
Sept 2.	Paid Expense of Rev. C. C. Tate attending the funeral of Rev. V. Spaulding, - - -	2 40
Sept. 8.	" Baker & Taylor, N. Y. for 25 copies of Our Country, - - -	5 00
Sept. 11.	" Expense of Clergy attending Convocation at Traverse City, - - -	20 00
Sept. 14.	" Expense of Rev. D. D. Chapin attending funeral of Rev. V. Spaulding, - - -	1 50
Sept. 25.	" Expense of Clergy attending Convocation at Coldwater, - - -	20 00
Nov. 6.	" Insurance on Chapel at Coopersville, - - -	5 00
Nov. 13.	" Dennis & Slingerland bill of items, - - -	12 00
Nov. 15.	" Expense of Clergy attending semi-annual Missionary meeting at Grand Haven, - - -	25 00
Nov. 16.	" Dennis & Slingerland's bill, - - -	1 75
Nov. 26.	" Bishop Gillespie, bill of items, - - -	19 64
Dec. 6.	" E. & J. B. Young & Co., for 25 copies of Evening Prayer, - - -	1 56
Dec. 14.	" James Pott & Co., bill of almanacs, - - -	4 50
Dec. 18.	" T. Whittaker & Co., bill, - - -	2 63
Dec. 18.	" Taxes on Evart Lots, - - -	14 92
1887.		
Jan'y 11.	" Dennis & Slingerland bill, - - -	3 25
Jan'y 11.	" Robert Graham, Church Temp. Tracts, - - -	8 45
Feb'y 18.	" Bishop Gillespie, bill of items, - - -	9 21
Feb'y 18.	" Expense of Clergy attending the quiet day at Grand Rapids, - - -	20 00
April 18.	" Expense of Clergy attending Missionary meeting at Marshall, - - -	30 00
May 16.	" Dennis & Slingerland's bill, - - -	4 25
May 16.	" Draft sent to Rev. C. C. Tiffany N. Y. subscription to Washburn Memorial Association Fund, - - -	10 00
	Balance carried to new account, - - -	88 88
		<u>\$559 79</u>
1887.		
June 7.	Cash in hand, - - -	\$ 88 88

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

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1886.

In account with Deaf Mute Fund.

June 25.	Rec'd from Diocesan Mission Fund, - - -	\$ 50 00
"	" Emmanuel, Hastings, - - -	2 80
"	" St. Paul's, Manistee, - - -	1 00
"	" All Saints, Saugatuck, - - -	3 75
"	" St. Thomas', Battle Creek, - - -	7 75
	Balance due Treasurer, - - -	9 88
		<u>\$ 75 00</u>

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

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	CONTRA.	Cr.
	Paid Rev. A. W. Mann, stipend,	\$ 75 00
1887.		
June 7.	Balance due Treasurer,	\$ 0 88
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In account with Church Missionary Enrollment Fund.

1886.	Rec'd from Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.,	\$ 5 00
	" " Miss Mary B. Gillespie,	5 00
	" " " Josie E. Wheelock,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Sarah A. Bancroft,	5 00
	" " Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Emma V. Baillie,	5 00
	" " Miss Anna H. Gilson,	5 00
	" " Amelia A. Gilson,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Marion H. Fowler and Son,	10 00
	" " Miss E. Knowlton,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Loraine D. Richmond,	5 00
	" " Miss Rebecca L. Richmond,	5 00
	" " Mrs. J. S. Klester,	5 00
	" " Thomas Hume,	5 00
	" " B. F. McReynolds,	5 00
	" " Industrial Band, Grand Rapids,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Geo. Kendall,	5 10
	" " John Shields,	5 00
	" " Theo. P. Sheldon,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Theo. P. Sheldon,	5 00
	" " Miss Sheldon,	5 00
	" " D. G. Robinson,	5 00
	" " Mrs. Ellen E. Robinson,	5 00
	" " Emmanuel Parish S. S., Hastings,	5 00
	" " " " Teachers, Hastings,	5 00
	" " Rev. E. Gaines Nock,	5 00
	" " Mrs. E. Gaines Nock,	5 00
	" " T. J. O'Brine,	5 00
	" " E. P. Fuller,	5 00
	" " Ellen Maria McElligott,	5 00
	" " Henry Ives,	5 00
April, 1887.	" " Easter offering from Emmanuel Church, Hastings,	2 00
		\$162 00

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1887.		
Jan'y 5.	Paid James M. Brown, Treasurer,	\$160 00
June 7.	Cash on hand,	2 00
		\$162 00
1887.		
June 7.	Cash on hand,	\$ 2 00
	D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.	

The Secretary read the following report of the Board of Missions submitted by the Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary of the Board which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions elected at our late Diocesan Convention at Kalamazoo met in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, May, 28, 1886. The Board was organized by the election of C. C. Tate as Secretary and Mr. D. G. Robinson as Treasurer.

The Board of Missions has held five meetings for the transaction of business and considered with much care the Missionary interests of this Diocese. It would be to us a greater labor of love had we a larger fund at our disposal. Since our last convention there have been some changes in our Board. The Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh for several years a valuable member of this Board has removed from the Diocese. He was always ready to do Missionary work outside of his Parish and was constant in his attendance in our meetings. The Rev. C. C. Tate, Secretary of the Board since April, 1883, has also removed from the Diocese. The Rev. Dr. Fair has been elected a member of this Board in place of Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh and the Rev. Dr. T. J. Knapp in place of Rev. C. C. Tate.

Our Missionaries have continued their labor and you will read with great interest their reports to the Bishop.

You must have been convinced ere this by the reports in the Church Helper that our General Missionary, the Rev. J. W. Bancroft is a real Apostolic Missionary seeking the sheep everywhere. We congratulate ourselves in having the uninterrupted services of one so faithful and so earnest in the work for the Church. We call your attention to the work, so well organized at Petoskey by him, which bids fair to be an important point but needs the fostering care of this Diocese and the Board at once.

The Rev. Mr. Hayward after several years of hard work in a field full of attention has removed from the Diocese. His ministry at Manistee was well known to us by its earnestness and self denial.

At Benton Harbor, our venerable brother, Rev. Dr. Eastman has continued to build up that central mission—a tower has been added to the Church and the interior greatly improved, we have reason to think, largely, by the offering of the devoted Priest in charge. Our dear brother Rev. Mr. Prichard in his advancing year is doing his duty as usual at Ludington and Pentwater, The Church at Ludington has been improved and Mr. Prichard has held several services elsewhere.

At Holland we were congratulating ourselves on the work of the Rev. Mr. Ayres when a calamity overtook the Parish in October last by the burning of the Church. There was fortunately enough insurance to save the Parish from being ruined and the Missionary still remains in charge. He needs the assistance and sympathy of the Diocese and Church at large. The Board takes the opportunity to impress upon Missions the great necessity of keeping our Church buildings insured. But for insurance Holland and Albion might have been extinct. The Rev. B. A. Brown has continued his work this year at Albion and Homer—at both places improvements have been made in our Church property and increased interest in the services of the Church.

Mr. Morris has done faithful work at Saugatuck and is much beloved by the Church people in that Parish. This Parish like some others has suffered greatly by removals of the people.

The Rev. Mr. McGlone has carried on the Mission at Mt. Pleasant and met with a great degree of success.

All our Missionaries and most of the other Clergy in charge of Parishes have held extra services in various places in the Diocese. Several have officiated at Harbor Springs and Charlevoix in summer, and in both much can be done in the summer season. Charlevoix needs the help and attention of the Diocese at once. Your Board regrets that more cannot be done. We need another general Missionary. We think with sorrow of the closed churches at Paw Paw, Three Rivers, Union City, Mendon, Harbor Springs, Traverse City and other places and long for the means to send Missionaries to keep them all open. May the time soon come when the Lord will send us men and money to do the Lord's work in the Missionary field, which is almost unknown to the Church at large in this country. We beg the Convention to consider the Missionary work of this Diocese, the most important work it has to do. When the people of the Diocese realize this they will furnish more money for this Board to carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted.

Missionary addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Greenleaf and Morrall and Mr. W. P. Brown.

Pledges from Parishes and individuals were called for and resulted as follows:

PARISHES.

Albion, S. James',	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 15 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	-	-	-	-	-	45 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's, [Sunday School \$20]	-	-	-	-	-	70 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Grand Rapids, S. Marks, [Sunday School \$50]	-	-	-	-	-	650 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's, [Sunday School \$3]	-	-	-	-	-	13 00
Grand Rapids, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Hastings, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	-	-	65 00
Homer, Christ, (conditional)	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Ionia, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Ludington, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Marshall, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's, [S. S. \$10. Woman's Aux. \$10.]	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Saugatuck, All Saints',	-	-	-	-	-	15 00

Total from Parishes and Sunday Schools,

\$1,573 00

MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 3 00
Benton Harbor,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Charlevoix, Christ's,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
East Jordan,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Kalkaskia,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Luther,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Manistee, S. Paul's	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00

Newaygo, S. Mark's, - - - - -	10 00
Petoskey, Emmanuel, - - - - -	10 00
Quincy, S. John's, - - - - -	10 00
Rockford, S. James, - - - - -	5 00
Total from Missions, - - - - -	\$ 113 00

PERSONAL.

Through Rev. Dr. Fair, S. Mark's, - - - - -	\$190 00
Rev. J. R. Taylor, - - - - -	2 00
Rev. J. N. Rippey, - - - - -	24 00
Rev. Dr. Knapp, - - - - -	25 00
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, - - - - -	5 00
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, - - - - -	5 00
E. T. Montgomery, - - - - -	5 00
W. J. Dibble, - - - - -	10 00
W. H. Stanhope, - - - - -	2 00
Total, Personal, - - - - -	\$ 173 00
Total from all sources, - - - - -	\$1,864 00

The Secretary presented the report of the Woman's Auillary for the conventional year—submitted by the Diocesan Secretary. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions report that they have examined the vouchers submitted and find them correct.

M. S. WOODRUFF.
JAMES A. MCGLONE.
C. WAKELEE.
J. M. PARSONS.
W. H. STANHOPE.

The Bishop made the appointment of the following committees :

Committee on Lay Work.—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Mr. W. P. Brown, Mr. E. S. Ellis, M. D., Mr. George C. Jessuer.

Committee on Clerical Changes.—Rev. R. E. Jones, Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Mr. W. J. Stuart, and Mr. C. B. Mosher.

On motion of Mr. Wm. P. Brown :

Resolved, That the subject of Church Unity be referred to a committee of three of each order to report at the next convention.

The Bishop appointed the following committee on above resolution: Rev. Henry Hughes, Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Mr. Wm. N. Brown, Mr. J. Kleinhans, Mr. Geo. Willard.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft:

Resolved, That the subject of the qualifications of Vestrymen be referred to a committee to report at the next convention.

The Bishop named in connection with the above resolution the present Committee on Canons.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft submitted the following report of the "Church Helper."

REPORT OF THE "CHURCH HELPER."

The income of the *Helper* for the year ending June 1, 1887, has been as follows:

May 24, 1886, Cash in hand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 88 79
Receipts from all sources during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	361 56
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$450 35
Expenditures,	-	-	-	-	-	344 92
June 1, 1887, Cash in hand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$105 43
The receipts from subscribers have been,	-	-	-	-	-	291 21
From Advertisers,	-	-	-	-	-	16 50
Appropriation from the Board of Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Individual gifts,	-	-	-	-	-	8 85
						<u>\$981 56</u>

A statement of the circulation in the Diocese is herewith made.

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CHURCH HELPER IN THE PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

PARISHES.						
Albion, S. James,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Allegan, Good Shepherd,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Battle Creek, S. Thomas,	-	-	-	-	-	21
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	-	-	-	-	-	21
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Grand Haven, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	7

Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	}	-	-	-	-	-	-	81
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's,		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grand Rapids, Grace,		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hastings, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Holland, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Ionia, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Ludington, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Marshall, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Niles, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Saranac, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Saugatuck, All Saints',	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Three Rivers, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Traverse City, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Union City, Grace,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Whitehall, Redeemer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

MISSIONS.

Benton Harbor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Burgess,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Charlevoix,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Centerville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Douglas,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Evart, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
East Jordan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Galesburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Greenville, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Harbor Springs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Kalkaska,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Luther,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Manistee, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Montague,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Morley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Newaygo, S. Mark's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pentwater, S. James',	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Petoskey, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Quincy, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rockford, S. James,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Stanton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sheridan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sturgis, S. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Trufant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tustin,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Single subscribers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Total Subscribers within the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	533
Total Subscribers without the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Total to exchanges, church officials, institutions and on free list, (about)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Total list,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	856

J. W. BANCROFT, Managing Editor.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

After singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and receiving words of excellent counsel from the Bishop and a parting blessing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

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THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We meet in our Thirteenth Annual Convention. In one sense our Diocesan life has not been very long. Some Dioceses have celebrated their Centennial, and some of our neighbors have reached, or will soon attain, the half century. And yet in a sense, we have lived longer than time measures us. "Honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by the number of years." I do not mean to make our age by "honor," and I do not make the application of the following sentence, "But wisdom is grey hair unto men; and an unspotted life is old age." (Book of Wisdom, IV, 8-9.) Our limited territory, the freedom of the Bishop from parochial cares and duties, the frequent meetings of the Clergy at various points, have given the Ministry, with the exception of the latest comers, and the Laity, aside from those whom no length of time would give interest or information, such a familiarity with the field as only actual length of years would impart under different circumstances. Then, in organization, in recorded surveys, and even by actual Diocesan funds, we are beyond our time in the history of the Church. Pride is not admissible, but we have a status that defends us from the despal of our youth.

We are so young as to find plenty of work before us when we meet in Convention, and so old that we have ample experience to do it wisely.

THE DECEASE OF THE REV. V. SPALDING.

Youth soon becomes familiar with death. The year has entered on our Necrology the seventh name. The Rev. V. Spalding died at Sturgis, on Saturday after the 9th Sunday in Trinity, August, 28, 1886. His eye had become dim, and the ear failed in its ministry, with the wear and weariness of four score and eight years. His life had been an eventful one, blessed in a recovery from chilling unbelief to an unwavering faith in Christ and His Church.

Those of us who knew him long and well, honored his stern integrity; his bold assertion of whatever he thought or believed; his turning all his thought into conscience; while yet we could see that all this might be, with more regard to the leanings of others, more yielding to the control of time and occasion. We knew that however it might "strike a stranger," there was no want of sympathy and affection in the lines of personal and parochial relations, and how humble was his walk with God, and how Christ Jesus was all in all to him, "a sacrifice for sin and an ensample of godly life." Some of his well chosen and well read volumes are his memorial in our Diocesan Library.

THE DECEASE OF BISHOPS HORATIO POTTER, GREEN AND LEE.

The names of three Prelates have been taken from the living Episcopate since the year came in. The Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., for 33 years Bishop of New York, died the 2d Sunday after Christmas, January 2, 1887. The Diocese over which he presided, the strongest, though twice diminished during his Episcopate, gave him prominence. His mind was vigorous and well stored, his Addresses and Charges have a permanent value. His policy was that of much latitude in belief and practice, while his own views were clear and pronounced. His physical powers gave way at the limit of three score and ten, and since the consecration of his distinguished kinsman, he has been known only as the patient, waiting sufferer.

The Rt. Rev. William Mercer Green, D. D., LL. D., for thirty-seven years Bishop of Mississippi, died on Sexagesima Sunday, February 13, 1887. So gracefully, the grace of God not of nature, he passed into the shades of declining years, that the thought of the generation that knew only his old age, is chiefly of the gentleness and charity of his conversation, the St. John-like spirit with which he moved among us—how like the old Apostle's, "little children love one another," as he was wont to be carried into the assemblies of the faithful, were the Bishop's parting words in Philadelphia in 1883. As "the beauty of his face in ripe age" was the spirit of his presence. Yet in former years the Bishop was a tower of strength in the defence of the faith, and the assertion of the Church's position. His life considered, his name belongs with Hobart and Ravenscroft, their motto, "Primitive truth and Apostolic order," his.

The Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Delaware, and for three years Presiding Bishop, died on Tuesday in Easter Week, April 12, 1887. The quiet manner of the Prelate was expressive of his character. No dignity of age or position could force him out of the bearing of "a meek and quiet spirit." Yet

he was "valiant for the truth" he loved. No mind, unless swayed by prejudice or partiality, could but admire him in the last General Convention, so pronounced for the Church's self-respect, while yet she extended the hand of fellowship; so willing to recognize what time and circumstances demanded in her worship; and withal so resolute not to give place "by subjection, no, not for an hour," to relaxing the Creed, or moulding the Ritual to a pernicious ceremonialism or modern taste. "He would never arrogate to the Church what belonged to individuals nor would he allow individuals to assume what belonged to the Church." (Sermon by Rev. H. C. Dyer.) His Christian scholarship was recognized in his selection as a member of the American Branch of the New Testament Revision Committee.

The fathers are rapidly passing away. Only seven seats in the House of Bishops have had the same occupants for a quarter of a Century, more than one-third are filled by those whose Episcopate is under ten years. God grant, in mercy to his Church, that the excellencies of the fathers even without their experiences may descend on the sons.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

It is usual in the Episcopal Address in the year following the General Convention, to make some reference to the acts of our great Council. All that was done, and what was expected to be done but was left undone, has been so fully presented in the Church press, and the Journal having been published, it seems unnecessary to more than glance at a few leading items.

PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

The work on the Prayer Book, while it includes changes of little importance, sometimes giving us without apparent reason, words in place of those to which we have long been accustomed and so attached, and has not touched difficulties that every Parish Priest feels; has secured a better adaptation in the Evening Prayer; enables us to follow strictly our Lord's injunction as to the laborers for the harvest; inserts those clauses in "The Prayer for All Conditions of men," and the "General Thanksgiving," which cover what should be referred to but need not be detailed in our public formularies; adds the Festival of the Transfiguration; gives certain relief in the office for the Holy Communion that frequent celebration, and a large number communicating render necessary; and partly, takes from the Confirmation office the incongruity when the class is mainly adult.

The Clergy should recognize that these changes are, with the law of rubric, as binding as any other rubrics. And that the

Church has taken into consideration what time and circumstances demand, and has listened to appeals of her members; should lead her Clergy to strictly conform to her law, even when it does not wholly meet their judgment, or adds to their labors. The spirit of the Church is reverence for "old paths," and it is to be regretted when as mere matter of taste, the old order and manner of services is departed from; as when confession and the Lord's Prayer and Creed are sung by choristers instead of the voice of the congregation; and hymns are taken out of their usual place; and there is the change here and there, thrusting the mind of the Priest rather than the law of the Prayer Book before the people. The quiet mind becomes the worshipper, and surely "the Priest over the House of God," should sooner yield his preferences than offend cherished habits and devotional sympathies.

As a large body of changes known as Schedule B are to be submitted to the Church for action in 1889, I propose, as before, to appoint Committees to whom these shall be submitted, to report to each Convention in the interim.

THE DECLARATION OF THE BISHOPS ON UNITY.

That the Church through her Apostles should have uttered "to our fellow Christians of the different communions in this land, our earnest desire that the Saviour's prayer 'that we all may be one' may, in its deepest sense, be speedily fulfilled," must be refreshing to all, but the narrow mindedness of sectarianism within and without the Church. "What will come of it," savors too much of the world for us to ask. This has come to our observation, more kindly acceptance of the overture than we could have expected. And this, one's faith knows must come, the manifold gift of His blessing whose prayer is thus re-uttered. We must regret that the force of the declaration is impaired, by its going forth when our own "household of faith" has its disunity, in utterances in some quarters that savor not of the faith in its fullness and force; and in practices and even preaching in others, that just so far as they prevail, bring us under the ban of holding to "fond things vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of the Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God." The position that we have taken has in it necessarily, "be followers together of me, and walk so as ye have us for an ensample," and the Communions whom we address will be the less disposed to meet our kind approaches, as they see in us what offends their faith and their feelings. "Unity is a question compassed about with tremendous difficulties," and it should not be, that the Church that toils and prays for its weak through tolerance of disloyalty.

MISSIONS.

Into our Missionary organization has been introduced the new element of "a Missionary Council," comprising all the Bishops, an equal number of Presbyters, and an equal number of laymen appointed at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, and to meet annually. It is a partial return to our old system of the Board of Missions, but the business feature is exclusive of details under the head of "the management of the General Missions of this Church."

GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

As it has been, and as it must be, with a body so large in both houses, and generally usage, rather than the requirements, of the Church, in the length of the session; a large amount of business was left undone so far as any decision. The Canon of "Wardens and Vestrymen," which in various forms has been before the Convention since 1877, only secured the lease of life—"referred to a joint committee of the General Convention to report at the next session of the General Convention." The Canon reported by the joint Committee on "Marriage and Divorce," after very careful revision by the House of Bishops, went into the House of Deputies only to be passed on to the next triennial session. So the Journal will show the work of one House unnoticed in the other, and committees living on, one for thirty years, so far as this Convention only "let live." All things considered, it is remarkable that so much was done, and so well done; but it is painful that such a body should meet, and leave so much undone. It seems to me that a General Convention meeting every six or even nine years, with much smaller representation, and not under the tradition of a three weeks' session, would accomplish far more in the line of its constitutional rights.

CONFIRMATION.

The number confirmed is decidedly the largest I have reported in nine years, since the year when a Clergyman was with us who had, as the result has proved, a singular faculty of bringing persons to the chancel rail, but generally without any "fitness to be presented to the Bishop to be confirmed." The number is 337, and while there have been good sized classes, it represents almost every Parish and Mission. The suggestion made that Confirmation should be administered in the morning, and followed by the Holy Communion, the class receiving together, has been generally complied with, and the result has been, a more quiet service, "and coming without delay, to the Lord's Supper," while the Rector has been enabled to note the date of admission.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

We have "seen our tokens" in material as in spiritual advancement. St. James', Albion, has placed a new organ in its pleasant House of Prayer. Benton Harbor makes its place of worship more churchly with the completed tower, and more seemly and comfortable with carpets and fresco. Grand Haven has carried out internal improvements. Grand Rapids, St. Mark's, has found the multiform energy of its Rector attacking its debt that came in good part of replacing the Rectory, so vigorously, that Easter took away with cheerful giving two-thirds of the \$7,500. Grace, greeted its new Rector with a renovated Rectory. Trinity, has repaired the hurt and damage done by street grading. Ionia has made some progress in paying the debt that leaves the flock without a Shepherd. Kalamazoo, by the sale of the old church, has extinguished \$6,500 of its debt, yet over nine thousand, and much more that repaired the damage done to the Rectory by fire. Muskegon is near the end of the long struggle to discharge old debts. Newaygo has gained so much as suitable windows towards completion.

This is but a short record of small gains. I regret that I cannot report to you a single church, or chapel or rectory, built or building. I fear, brethren, that we are "robbing God," and building expensive houses, making costly summer and winter journeys, buying ornaments for person and home, seeking our own in lay-up and laying out; while there is rarely the liberal hand or the self hurting giving, that we may have more of a name in our borders; and Church work may look more like holy business. Let me tell you some things that are in my heart's desire and prayers. Manistee, Charlevoix, Luther and Stanton should have their churches, or at least put forth more energy towards the blessed consummation. Hastings should feel that it is getting too old, has had too much blessing in the past, to have so little of a true Church building, Marshall should make the fund that is dedicated to a Chapel sufficient. Battle Creek should be able to offer its Rector something better than a hired house. Muskegon, as it boasts its growth of population and wealth, should see that a day should not be lost in securing the location of the future St. Paul's. St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, that has the pre-eminence on our Parish list, and St. Luke's Kalamazoo, that combines the abilities of two Parishes, should take in their opportunity and responsibility, and not let their neighbors shame us with their outlying Sunday Schools and Missions. Greenville, Ionia and Traverse City, should rouse up to an energy that will open the closed churches, and be as in days past. Whitehall, should be reasonable, and feel that a limited field and a small part of a salary,

may not impose the condition of a resident Rector, and no altar but their own at which to minister. Paw Paw and Three Rivers should win the praise of doing what they can, and so have far more Church life.

Does this list seem black? Do those who are called on to act say, the means are wanting? Yes! they are wanting, if Christ's own and the Church's own say, "Christ's work and the Church's work that look to us, can only have a very small part of what I make, and what I have; I mean to keep the large share of property intact, and my chief expenditures are for comfort and pleasure; I expect to have large bills and pay them, but I can and I will keep subscriptions down." But the means are not wanting. if there is just such a love of God as of self, if Churchman mean something more than birthright of or enrollment in one of the sects of the day. It is not poverty of purse that troubles us as poverty of spirit. Sometimes a people will brace themselves to some grand effort, and then when the purpose is accomplished there is only satisfaction, and they marvel that they did not do it before. So it would be, were those who are interested, to take in hand these suggestions. And as to what calls for the mind and heart without the purse, it is clearer yet that "where there is a will there is a way."

This leads me to speak of the encouragement afforded by the services of laymen as readers under the Canon, and the efforts of women to sustain services and nurture Church interest among themselves. Pentwater, Manistee, Paw Paw, Ionia, East Jordan, Luther, Petoskey and Stanton, have made a good record in this behalf and been an example to others. As I am preparing this Address I am written to, "Cannot the Lay Helpers' Association be considered in your Convention?" I confess I am afraid that we are running too much to organization, but I do desire to see more of the work of good men and women, in the direction of lay preaching and conference, and conducting mission work. I am ready to give sanction to sensible and serious minded people and to help a lay ministry.

THE VACANCY AND SUPPLY OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

St. Thomas', Battle Creek, became vacant October 1, but now, happily, has its rector three months in charge. St. Mark's, Coldwater, closed its long vacancy early in September. Grace, Grand Rapids, lost its good Minister, after nearly six years going in and out among them, in September last; and after five months has again its proper watch and ward, Emmauel, Hastings, has been accepted and resigned in the twelvemonth, but the services of Rev. Mr. Large have suffered no vacancy. Grace, Holland and

Whitehall, immediately after the last Convention became the charge of a brother then with us. The mistake of the latter that leaves it vacant I have already referred to. St. John's, Ionia, withdrew its support nearly a year ago, and has only lay service. Trinity, Marshall, has lately lost "the preaching and living, setting forth the true knowledge and understanding of God's Word," with which for seven years it has been blest. St. Paul's, Manistee, has been vacant since the self-denying Missionary of more than six years' service has removed. Trinity, Niles, has parted with the faithful minister of over six years, whom we all miss. St. John's, Quincy, has shared in the lot of Coldwater. Grace, Union City, has just arranged with its late incumbent for services once a month. St. Mark's, Paw Paw; Trinity, Three Rivers; St. Matthias', Eaton Rapids; Trinity, Saranac; St. Matthew's, Baldwin; Epiphany, Cooperville; St. Paul's, Greenville; St. John's, Harbor Springs; St. Mark's, Newaygo; St. James', Pentwater; St. James', Rockford; St. John's, Tustin; Christ, Charlevoix; Emanuel, Petoskey and Grace, Stanton, have had the care of the Bishop, the General Missionary and the Clergy, some of them with frequent services. Twelve of the places named have had efficient lay ministrations.

The changes have been painfully frequent: seven dismissals from the Diocese, equal to one-third of our working force. This is only more abundantly what has been in past years. In all, there have been in 12 years, 89 names on our clerical list. Yet, as I know the circumstances, I should say, that generally, the cause of the removal has not been in the Parish.

We must accept the fact of the great difficulty in procuring the ministerial aid we need. For months I have been trying to find the laborer for promising work. The crisis demands the consistent carrying out of the petition so wisely inserted in the Litany, in seeking and training Candidates for the Holy Ministry.

I quote from the life of the Abbe Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans, probably the greatest educator or writer on education, in this century. "There is a lack of vocations, or of Candidates for Orders, as we should put it, is the thought which pressed most heavily upon him. He put two forces to work right off. First, he impressed upon every Priest that he ought to feel it his duty to see that he educated, or influenced to be educated, at least one man to supply his place when he died. Secondly, he appealed to the heroic side of young men, in the schools and colleges under his control; he put strongly before men the high dignity of Priesthood; he called them to a life of self-denial, not higher salaries; he taught what the work of saving souls meant."

And more Missionary work on the part of the Clergy. The duty of "going into the next town to preach there, also," has been lost sight of. It is not the zeal we should have for our Church principles, nor is it the care we should have for our scattered people, that the villages even around and old Parish never have a Church service, or see the face of the Rector. When we read of the journeyings of our Western Clergy as in recent numbers of the "Spirit of Missions," it puts to shame the neglect or refusal to make the brief journey or spend the night away, to give the Church a hearing and her people care and comfort.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND THE CONVOCATION.

The leading gathering of the Clergy have been at Grand Haven and Marshall. The changes among the Clergy bring in new minds and experience to preserve the vigor of what is becoming a time honored institution.

The Convocations have been at Traverse City, and Coldwater, both in September. The Quiet Day was at St. Mark's in Grand Rapids. It was a wise change substituting this for the Ante-Lent Convocations. Already it is endeared to us. The good attendance of the Clergy is very much indebted to the provision for expenses through the Bishop's Trust Fund.

THE CHURCH HELPER.

Our Diocesan sheet seems to verify "the prophet not without honor save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." While the flattering notice comes from without, and a leading metropolitan sheet will not unfrequently quote from its little contemporary, some of our people deem it costly at a cent a week. I have in the past year personally urged even as personal favor, subscription in almost every Parish, sometimes not to secure a single name to the list. Yet it pays its way, and better, constantly I hear, how welcome it is and what good it does.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

The table of contributions from September, 1, 1885, to September 1, 1886, shows the Diocese contributing to Domestic Missions, \$262.73; Foreign Missions, \$286.29; General Missions, \$237.28; Special, \$22.04; Total, \$808.34, about the amount as the previous year. This sum is exclusive of articles, but not of cash through the Woman's Auxiliary. Only two Parishes and one Mission with services, entirely ignored the work. Such loyalty through all Dioceses would give an overflowing treasury. Yet an inspection of the list will show how far we are from having exhausted

our ability. The Parish that gave the most only averaged about 50 cents to a Communicant. I hope that we are growing to, every Parish or Mission, "looking not on its own things alone but also on the things of others." If we are a selfish Diocese, we shall cut ourselves off from the fountain of blessing. Chrysostom says: "In everything to give and to receive is the principle of numerous blessings."

SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

I have already admitted an apprehension, that the tendency of zeal in good works is too much in organization. It seems as if nothing would be left to the spontaneous exercise of baptismal and confirmation vows; and all "doing good and communicating," must be under the patronage and in the lines of association rule. It is all well meant, but it will impair the strength of Christian character, and take from benevolence some of its highest benefit. Yet we must have societies. I mention those that have their claim upon our interest and liberality. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry has its time for an offering; "Trinity, or a Sunday soon after," but it receives back scarcely the interest on its bestowment. The American Church Building Fund Commission is making a vigorous effort to accomplish what seven years ago it began. I hope the Commissioners in the Diocese will press its claims. The Church Temperance Society has been overshadowed by the great popular movement of the year. It has a home sphere in the Parish, but the great motive power against the demon of drink is in the community. The Girl's Friendly Society may exist wherever a woman feels for her sisters; it may take form in almost any Parish. The White Cross movement has given us valuable tracts that I advise the Clergy to circulate.

Charities within and without the Diocese are seriously affected by a system of support that uses the offertory for collecting the envelopes. I recommend the plan pursued at Kalamazoo, in St. Luke's Parish, where all envelopes for sustentation are placed in boxes at the doors, and if the collectors find envelopes in the plates they put them in these boxes before they proceed to the Altar.

The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary met with the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting at Grand Haven. The interests of the Branch will be promoted by being independent as to time and place of Annual Meeting. The work has been continued with considerable aid extended beyond the Diocese. The circulation of the excellent "Church Work," edited by Mrs. A. T. Twing, would give impulse and the right tone to Woman's Work.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

In my relation to the State, I have spent a Sunday at the Industrial Home for Girls. I have made 16 other visits to State Institutions, have visited Jails 32, and Poor Houses 18 times. Have attended the Conference and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities, at Battle Creek; the Conventions of the Superintendents of the Poor, at Jackson; and numerous meetings of the Board. Beyond the State, I was present at the National Conference of Charities at St. Paul; visited the Church Hospital and Reform School there; at Chicago, the County Jail, and the Hospital, and the Home for discharged prisoners; and at Milwaukee, the Industrial Home and the House of Correction.

The lack of information on the part of the members elect of the Legislature, and the pressure of business when the body is convened, prevent the attention to penal and pauper matters which would give our State the benefit of modern reformatons and improvements. As it is, while the outlay for buildings and management is liberal, other States are before us in the discipline of convicts, and provision for dependant classes, using terms in a broad sense.

LEGISLATION.

I ask the Convention to consider the status of a mission under the Constitution, Art. VI. Sec. 1, and Canon XX, Sec. 2, § III, Canon XVI, Sec. 2.

1. There is an inequality of representation between the Parish and the Mission. The Mission may have only "a delegate," "and in a vote by Parishes the delegate shall not be allowed to vote." This will exclude the Mission from a voice in the election of a Bishop—Constitution, Art. IX. The Parish, however, largely aided by missionary funds, numerically small, and its Church life dormant to chronic vacancy, may send its three delegates to the Convention with unlimited rights.

2. The Mission does not bear the quota of the expenses of the Diocese. The Canon of the General Fund (XVI), mentions "Parishes" only. Yet in the first assessment, 1876, (Journal, p 24,) Missions were included. As the law of the Diocese, (Canon XX, Sec. 7), prescribes, "The change from the 'Mission' to the 'Parish' may be made when the station is provided with a church building and is able to support a Rector without Missionary aid;" a long time must elapse and considerable strength be attained, before the Mission that has been largely aided, unites with the Parish to bear the common burdens. I think it would be better to bring our Missions to the dignity of fuller representation and

pecuniary responsibility.

3. Whatever shall be the law of representation to a Mission, it should be transferred from the Canon to the Constitution.

In the VIIIth Annual Convention, 1882, the Committee on Canons recommended "that Canon IX, Sec. 3, be amended to read 'No person shall be elected vestryman who is not a baptized member of the Church.'" The amendment, "after considerable discussion, was laid on the table." The inconsistency and wrong of the present Canon, seem to me very manifest, but as the change would involve legal inquiry, I suggest that it be referred to a Committee to report to the next Convention.

Art. IX., of the Constitution, "Of the Election of a Bishop," is vague in its provisions, and it seems to me should be supplemented by a Canon, fixing details, guarding against doubts, and securing the solemnity of the transaction.

The Canon introduced into the last General Convention "Of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen, Journal pp. 89-91, embodies features that it may be well to incorporate into our Canon IX, "of the Vestry."

DROPPED A MISSION.

The Mission of Calvary, Howard City, having mainly lost its membership and having no property, is dropped from the list of Missions. St. Paul's Church, Mendon, was stricken from the list of Parishes in connection with the Diocese in 1881 Journal, p. 43), Canon III, Sec. 2. and it should not be retained on the list of Missions.

CONCLUSION.

The life of the Diocese seems the fulfillment of our often prayer—that we "may pass our time in rest and quietness;" and the beatitude is "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." "The kingdom of God" among us, "cometh not with observation." We occupy very little space in the Church press, and we make no very important additions to the statistics. Yet those of us who are on the ground, and especially the veterans, for such we have notwithstanding our many changes, know that we are surmounting the obstacles, and at least laying the foundations. Some figures may not look as well today as a year or some years ago, but on the whole the Diocese makes good its right to be. Nothing with us is "born in a day." Those who have labored, and those who have only looked on, know how hardly we have attained to where we stand. Those who shall come after us will scarcely realize what a struggle it has been to secure what may seem to them very meagre results.

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Were ours a work to be judged by human standard, and success could only be associated with facts and figures, I confess that I should find the task the Church imposes on me, "stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention," a painful one. But we are "workers together with God," and all His work is under the law, "what I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." Ours is "the work of faith and labor and love."

O, it is hard to work for God,
 To rise and take His part
 Upon this battle-field of earth,
 And not sometimes lose heart!
 The Church, the Sacraments, the Faith,
 Their uphill journey take,
 Lose here what there they gain, and if
 We lean upon them, break.

O, bless'd is he to whom is given
 The instinct that can tell
 That God is on the field, when He
 Is most invisible!
 For right is right, since God is God;
 And right the day must win;
 To doubt would be disloyalty,
 To falter would be sin!

As then, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, we proceed to a review of the past and the furtherance of the future, let it be with the feeling, that this is no business to be managed after the manner of the store or office, that as we are met in His holy house, so are we in the presence of God, and that all must be "begun, continued and ended" as "the work of righteousness."

JOURNAL OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

1896.—May 25, 26, 27, Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday, KALAMAZOO S. Luke's, the Convention. Of the Clergy in charge of Parishes and Missions all were present. Thirteen Parishes and two Missions were represented by thirty laymen. To the usual routine of business, were added the discussion on "the Mutual relations and duties of Rectors and Vestries," on "Church Unity," on "Representation as governed by the payment of assessments," and on the Book Annexed; and action on right to a seat in the Convention, ex-officio, and on increasing the Episcopal Fund.

May 30, Fifth Sunday after Easter, SAUGATUCK, All Saints, preached twice, addressed the children and confirmed three. The Rev. M. Morris has officiated during the greater part of the year.

June 3, Ascension Day, BATTLE CREEK, S. Thomas', preached twice, confirmed seven, and administered the Holy Communion.

June 4, Friday evening, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, lectured.

June 6, Sunday after Ascension Day, HOLLAND, Grace, preached twice, confirmed three. Administered the Holy Communion and addressed the Sunday School.

June 13, Whitsun-day, BALDWIN, S. Matthew's Mission, preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion. The Mission was reorganized. The rent of the Chapel and the Rectory has paid up the indebtedness, and a fund is slowly accumulating. Nearly all the persons who were interested in the Mission have removed, and the town is not growing.

June 16, Wednesday, Easter Day, evening, HASTINGS, Emmanuel, preached and confirmed nine.

June 17, Thursday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's Home, made an address, and after confirmed a sick woman.

June 19, Saturday, SARANAC, made a visit of investigation.

June 20, Trinity Sunday, STANTON, Grace Mission, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed nine. This work has been under the charge of the General Missionary, like much of our missionary undertakings, its future depends upon the stability and zeal of the people.

June 22, Tuesday, GRAND RAPIDS, met the Board of Missions to apportion the funds at our disposal. The duty is always difficult; in some aspects painful.

June 25, Friday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, evening, lectured.

June 27, First Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, A. M. preached.

June 28, 29, Monday and Tuesday, S. Peter's Day, RACINE COLLEGE, attended as a visitor and trustee. The receipts for the year had exceeded the expenditures, and an indebtedness of ten thousand dollars had been extinguished leaving the College free from debt.

July 1, Thursday, NASHOTAH HOUSE, attended the meeting of the Trustees. During the past year, by testamentary provision \$38,000 has come to the institution; there is "a moderate floating debt." The William Adams House, a just tribute to the long and devoted services of one to whom the whole Church is debtor, is completed. The new President is not only the wise guardian of the temporal interests, but is infusing the right spirit into all connected with the institution as professors and students. The payment of the remaining indebtedness, a new fire proof library, class rooms, another professor's house, and a gymnasium, are the

present wants of Nashotah. There are in the classes twenty-three students.

July 4, the Second Sunday after Trinity, SARANAC, Trinity, officiated twice, and administered the Holy Communion. The Church has lately been so injured by lightning, that I am informed it cannot be repaired. This Parish was organized in 1860. The Church was erected. The pastoral care has been by the Rev. Ezra Jones, the Rev. D. E. Brown, for several years, the Rev. I. F. Walker, the Rev. G. W. Wilson and the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers, all of whom have "finished their course." The latter ceased to officiate in August, 1876, and since then there have been only very occasional services. The Parish was once comparatively flourishing, and the story of its decline is a sadder one than I care to tell. The sale of the property, if a title can be tendered, would seem the wisest course. Our consolation must be, the grace of God ministered through the Church to souls now in Paradise. and to those also who yet live to serve God.

July 11, Third Sunday after Trinity, MANISTEE, S. Paul's Mission, preached twice, and confirmed three; also addressed the small Sunday School. The Rev. W. S. Hayward has removed, but Lay services and the Sunday School are sustained and there is progress toward establishing the Church.

P. M., FILER CITY, preached and confirmed one.

July 14-23, Wednesday, etc., ST. PAUL, Minn., the National Conference of Charities.

July 25, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, EATON RAPIDS, S. Matthias' Mission, preached twice and administered the Holy Communion. I reorganized the Mission.

July 26, Monday, CHARLOTTE, Grace Mission. My visit was in reference to the Chapel building, the owner of the lot having required its removal. It has since been sold and the money placed with the Association. The furniture has been cared for according to the Canon.

August 1, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, THREE RIVERS, Trinity, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. There are some here to whom the closed Church is a grief, but more who care not that it is so.

August 7, Saturday, visited the unfinished SOLDIERS' HOME at Grand Rapids.

August 8, Seventh Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, preached twice. P. M., in the same Church, at the funeral of the Rev. H. N. Strong, D. D., delivered an address and assisted in the services at the cemetery of the Soldiers' Home.

August 22, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, KALKASKIA, officiated twice and confirmed one.

August 28, Thursday, MILWAUKEE, Wis., meetings of the Trustees of the Nashotah House, when the Rev. George G. Carter, M. A., was elected President and Peter Hubbell Professor of Pastoral Theology.

August 29, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, Grace, A. M., preached. Evening, officiated.

August 30, Monday, THREE RIVERS, Trinity, officiated at the burial of the Rev. V. Spalding with the Rev. Messrs. Chapin and Tate.

September 5, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, A. M., administered the Holy Communion, and preached in the evening.

September 7, 8, Tuesday and Wednesday, TRAVERSE CITY, Grace, the Convocation of Grand Rapids, seven Clergy of the Diocese were present and the Rev. C. T. Stout. The exercises were good, but the church people left their appreciation to empty pews. September 8, attended a meeting of the Board of Missions.

September 12, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, PAW PAW, S. Mark's, officiated twice, with the Holy Communion, and addressed the children.

September 17, Friday evening, Ember Day, GRAND RAPIDS, Trinity, services preparatory to the meeting of the General Convention. Made an address.

September 19, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, NEWAYGO, S. Mark's Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and spoke to the Sunday School. Five hundred dollars remains due on the building.

September 26, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, UNION CITY, Grace, officiated twice. The Rev. S. Wetherbee had closed his services about six months before, the Parish feeling unable to continue the salary.

September 22, Monday, GRAND RAPIDS, attended a funeral.

September 28, 29, St. Michael and All Angels, COLDWATER, S. Mark's, the Consecration of the Church and the Grand Rapids Convocation. The "instruments of donation and endowment" were read by the Rector, the "sentence of consecration" by the late Rector, who delivered such a discourse as would naturally come from one who had borne the burden and heat of the day of erection, and rejoiced over the house builded to the Holy Name. Five Clergy of the Diocese and four from abroad were present at the Consecration, and assisted in the services of the Convocation.

October 3, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, A. M., in the series of Semi-Centennial Services delivered an historical address—"The Church as it was fifty years since and its subsequent progress," and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, presided at the meeting, and on the following Wednesday evening attended the Laymen's Meeting. The whole series of services was admirably arranged, and the effect, we hope, will be lasting.

October 6-27, CHICAGO, in attendance on the General Convocation. On the morning of the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, and on the evening of the Eighteenth Sunday, preached in S. Bartholomew's, ENGLEWOOD; and on the evening of the Seventeenth Sunday at the Mission of the Transfiguration. I attended as many as practicable of the interesting meetings which form no unimportant part of the session of the General Convention. My principal part in the Convention was introducing a preamble and resolution amending the Constitution (Art. I) "so as to place the Convention in every sixth year," upon which the committee reported "with the entire unanimity that they consider the change proposed inexpedient." In 1850, Bishop DeLancey, whose name is ever associated with wisdom in counsel, presented in the House of Bishops a plan of provinces, "the General Convention to be held once every twenty years." I think you younger brethren will see the "entire unanimity in another direction."

October 31, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, A. M., preached, and addressed the congregation, urging upon them what it seemed to me would give efficiency and success to the work of the Rector-elect. Evening, gave an account of the late General Convention. October 30, Saturday, baptized an infant in private, and on the following day buried the little "Member of Christ."

November 3, Wednesday, CHARLOTTE, completed arrangements for the sale of the building. This Mission came to us from the old Diocese; it lived four years, and I think would have continued to live had it not been for divisions and contentions. How much of Church work is hindered and destroyed by "envying, and strife and divisions."

November 7, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, HOLLAND, Grace, A. M., preached and addressed the children. Evening, preached and confirmed five and met the Vestry. I made a melancholy visit to the ruins of the Church. The Diocese, to secure its claim, insured the property for \$2,500. The building is so perfectly destroyed, so far as any further use, that this sum has been paid nearly entire. The trustees have gone to the extent of their right, in tendering the Parish the use of the lot or of the proceeds

to secure another should removal be thought advisable, and the gift of the balance, after paying the principle and seven per cent. interest, towards a new erection.

November 14, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, WHITEHALL, Redeemer, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed three and addressed the children.

November 16-18, Tuesday-Thursday, GRAND HAVEN, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. All the Clergy in active service with two exceptions were present. The papers were of interest, and I preached ad clerum and administered the Holy Communion. On Wednesday morning I confirmed a class of eleven. The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held their annual meeting.

November 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, BATTLE CREEK, S. Thomas officiated twice in the vacant Parish and conferred with the Vestry.

November 25, Thanksgiving Day, GRAND RAPIDS, Grace, officiated and met members of the Vestry in reference to a Rector.

November 28, The First Sunday in Advent, ELK RAPIDS, S. Paul's, preached twice; confirmed one and met the children, and on Saturday evening addressed the Guilds. Here we are foremost in strength and influence.

December 5, The Second Sunday in Advent, ROCKFORD, S. James', officiated twice and baptized an infant, and met the children.

December 8, Wednesday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's confirmed one.

December 12, The Third Sunday in Advent, TRAVERSE CITY, Grace, preached twice, gave attention to the Sunday School, met the Vestry. The Rev. J. S. Large, after more than seven years Rectorship, has resigned. There is a painful indifference that keeps the church closed and has even dismissed the Sunday School.

December 19, The Fourth Sunday in Advent, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrew's, preached twice with the Holy Communion, and address to the Sunday School, and confirmed fifteen.

December 22, S. Thomas' Day, COOPERSVILLE, evening, officiated. The Rev. Dr. Knapp is ready to give week day services. Some care has been given to the building in repairs and insurance.

December 25, Christmas Day. NEWAYGO, S. Mark's, officiated with the Holy Communion.

December 28, First Sunday after Christmas, LUDINGTON, Grace, preached twice and met the children.

December 31, Midnight, S. Mark's GRAND RAPIDS, administered the Holy Communion and made a brief address. It was the first time I had attended such a service, and it seemed to me very appropriate. I commend the practice to the Clergy.

1887 January 2, Second Sunday after Christmas, ADRIAN, the Industrial Home for Girls.

January 9, First Sunday after the Epiphany, HASTINGS, Emmanuel, preached twice, confirmed seven and administered the Holy Communion, addressed the Sunday School, one of the best in the Diocese.

January 14, Friday, MANTON, P. M., confirmed three and administered the Holy Communion in a private house, one candidate seemed very near the eternal world.

January 16, Second Sunday after the Epiphany, CHARLEVOIX, Christ Mission, officiated at two services with the Holy Communion, and organized the Mission. A small Chapel should be erected, but the lots are not paid for and we have learned that to use ground we do not own, is to "build on the sand." I have hopes of summer services from without the Diocese. On Monday, A. M., administered the Holy Communion to a lady, my parishioner at LeRoy, N. Y.

January 17, Monday, PETOSKEY, arrived just in time to confirm three, the General Missionary holding the service.

January 19, Wednesday P. M., GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, was present at a meeting to organize a Woman's Auxiliary and said a few words. Evening, performed the same duty in connection with the formation of a Parochial Church Temperance Society.

January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany, PENTWATER, S. James' Mission, A. M., officiated, baptized an adult and administered the Holy Communion, after made a very satisfactory examination of the Sunday School. P. M., baptized an infant. Evening, officiated and confirmed one. It is demonstrated here what lay reading properly sustained can do.

January 30, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, PAW PAW, S. Mark's, officiated twice with the Holy Communion.

February 6, Septuagesima Sunday, EATON RAPIDS, S. Mathias' officiated twice, and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stevens prepared the Chapel for services with much labor, and extended to me the kindest hospitality. Beyond this I had no evidence that my visit was appreciated. The Church is closed and the people are content to have it so.

February 13, Sexagesima, UNION CITY, Grace, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, baptized an infant. I started a subscription to insure the property.

February 15, 16, Tuesday-Wednesday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, the Quiet Day, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Nearly all the Clergy were present, the Parish extended generous hospitality and the day was one of precious influence. Meetings of the Board of Missions and of the Trustees were held.

February 20, Quinquagesima, COLDWATER, S. Mark's, preached twice, confirmed twenty-three, and administered the Holy Communion. A non-resident parishioner generously allows the use of her comfortable house for the Rector.

P. M., QUINCY, S. John's Mission, preached and confirmed two. Through some neglect or blunder, the Mission is in possession of only part of the property claimed to have been purchased.

February 23, Ash Wednesday, IONIA, S. John's, officiated at three services, one for the children. Lay service and the Sunday School have been sustained. A call has been extended to a Clergyman, who I hope will accept.

March 2, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, evening, made a few remarks on the Association of the Diocese. The Rector has decreed that his people should know all about the Diocese.

February 27, First Sunday in Lent, I left home on Saturday for PETOSKEY, and was absent until Tuesday evening, a sojourner in a railroad car, snow drifts and obstructed rails preventing my reaching the haven where I would be.

March 6, Second Sunday in Lent, Muskegon, S. Paul's, preached twice, confirmed twenty-one and administered the Holy Communion, and spoke to the children.

March 9, Tuesday, attended a funeral with the Rector of S. Mark's, GRAND RAPIDS.

March 9, Wednesday, GRAND RAPIDS, conducted the afternoon and evening services.

March 13, Third Sunday in Lent, NILES, Trinity, preached twice, confirmed ten, administered the Holy Communion, and met the Sunday School. The financial condition of the Parish has been depressing to the Rector, indebtedness with its annoyances was his heritage, he has borne it patiently, and much as I shall miss his kindly presence, I could but bid him, "God speed," to a field of more peace and promise.

March 14, Monday, PAW PAW, S. Mark's, evening, preached and confirmed ten. The next morning I baptized three children and administered the Holy Communion to the newly confirmed and others. The candidates offered themselves, and Mr. Tate instructed them—it seemed to me "the bread cast upon the waters found after many

days." There is a Sunday School, and good women meet for services, but they should and I think might secure some clerical service.

Friday 18, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, P. M., and evening, officiated.

May 29, Fourth Sunday in Lent, GREENVILLE, S. Paul's, officiated twice and confirmed three sisters, administered the Holy Communion, talked to the Sunday School. The next day had the Holy Communion for the confirmed, baptized an infant, and certified two baptisms. Liberality, unity and piety, and this Mission would not be to us the disgrace it is.

March 24, Annunciation, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's officiated.

March 27, Fifth Sunday in Lent, took the services in the same Church, the Rector holding a Mission in Minneapolis, Minn.

March 30, Wednesday, IONIA, S. John's, officiated.

April 1, in the Chapel Room of St. Mark's, delivered a lecture in the course—"the discharged prisoner." This course of lectures, mainly by laymen of the Parish, suggest lectures by a system of interchanges. The matter is worthy of thought.

April 3, Sunday before Easter, GRAND RAPIDS, Trinity, preached and administered the Holy Communion. The Rector requested the postponement of the confirmation. Evening, S. Paul's, preached and confirmed ten.

April 4, Monday before Easter. NEWAYGO, S. Mark's, officiated. The windows have been put in, greatly improving the Chapel.

April 6, Wednesday before Easter, ROCKFORD, S. James', officiated. Mr. C. A. Stevenson the active Lay Reader has removed and Sunday services are suspended.

April 8, Good Friday, ALLEGAN, Church of the Good Shepherd, preached twice, and confirmed four.

April 10, Easter Day, MARSHALL, Trinity, preached twice, confirmed nine and administered the Holy Communion.

April 17, First Sunday after Easter, ALBION, S. James', A. M., preached and confirmed eighteen.

P. M., HOMER, Trinity, preached and confirmed thirteen. So large a confirmation and chiefly adults, in this old and for a long time dormant Parish seemed to me very remarkable.

April 19-21, Tuesday-Thursday, MARSHALL, Trinity, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Present sixteen Clergymen of the Diocese and three from abroad. The attendance of the laity was small.

April 24, Second Sunday after Easter, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrews', preached twice, confirmed six, and met the Sunday School.

April 25, S. Mark's Day, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, confirmed twenty, including three mutes prepared by the Rev. A. W. Mann,

who was present, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, present, when the various Parochial organizations reported.

May, 1, Third Sunday after Easter, KALAMAZOO, S. Luke's, preached twice, confirmed thirty-nine, administered the Holy Communion. P. M., S. Barnabas' Chapel, officiated.

May 2, Monday, GRAND RAPIDS, met the Committee of the Board of Missions, to adjust the pledges for the ensuing year.

May 8, Fourth Sunday after Easter, BENTON HARBOR, Holy, Trinity Mission, preached three times and confirmed four. The town is growing and has an important educational establishment.

May 15, Fifth Sunday after Easter, BATTLE CREEK, S. Thomas, preached twice, confirmed 12, and administered the Holy Communion. The Parish are happy in their Rector who I trust has come to stay. P. M., MARSHALL, Trinity Church, attended the funeral of Mr. George Woodruff, a highly esteemed citizen an earnest Churchman, who has been known in our Conventions as in those of Michigan.

May 19, Ascension Day, GRAND RAPIDS, Grace, A. M., preached. Evening, after sermon by the Rev. M. S. Woodruff, confirmed sixteen.

May 22, Sunday after Ascension Day, MT. PLEASANT, S. John's Mission, preached twice, confirmed nine, and administered the Holy Communion.

May 26, Thursday, GRAND RAPIDS. Meeting of the Trustees.

May 29, Whitsun-day, PETOSKEY, Emmanuel Mission, officiated twice, confirmed seven and administered the Holy Communion. We were reminded of the sad accident of the previous Lord's Day, in the loss of the young man who had been the interested Secretary, and in the presence in the confirmation class of her who was bereaved as wife and mother. The mission have secured a small, but comfortable Chapel for services, a number of persons are interested, and have subscribed liberally. With a clergyman adapted to the work, I think the success under God is certain.

May 31, Tuesday in Whitsun week, evening, S. Paul's, MUSKEGON, preached and confirmed six, the second confirmation of the year.

June 3, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Paul's, after a sermon by the Rev. C. Fair, D. D., confirmed eight, three of the candidates were from Grace Church, in each case this was a second confirmation.

June 5, Trinity Sunday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, preached.

June 7, Tuesday, P. M., BIG RAPIDS attended the meetings preliminary to the Convention.

LAY READERS.

(Holding license till Easter, 1888.)

Mr. James B. Murphy, Muskegon, S. Paul's, July 4, 1878.*Mr. James Vosper*, Ionia, S. John's, June 23, 1886.*Mr. Charles K. Seymour*, Grand Rapids, Grace, October 8, 1886.*Mr. George Willard*, * Battle Creek, S. Thomas, November 23, 1886.*Mr. W. P. Brown*, Charlevoix, Christ, January 17, 1887.*Mr. E. L. Ellis, M. D.*, Manistee, S. Paul's Mission, January 20, 1887.*Mr. Frederick M. Brown*, Stanton, Grace Mission, January 27, 1887.*Mr. Worth Landon*, Niles, Trinity Church, September 20, 1886.*Mr. Calvin W. Nottingham*, Big Rapids, S. Andrew's, May 17, 1887.*Mr. George C. Jenner*, Kalamazoo, S. Luke's March 17, 1887.*George H. Cleveland, M. D.*, S. James', Pentwater, April 15, 1887.*William B. Williams*, Allegan, Church of the Good Shepherd, April 11, 1887.*Mr. Isaac H. Beach*, Vaudecar, May 20, 1887.

*With liberty to deliver addresses, instructions and exhortations as a catechist in vacant Parishes.

POSTULANT.

Ernest Willoughby Jewett, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 20, 1884.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

George H. Cleveland, M. D., for the office and ministration of a Deacon only.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

October 6, 1886.—The *Rev. Wm. W. Taylor*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of New Jersey. Resigned as Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, taking effect October 1, 1886.September 29, 1886.—The *Rev. Frank C. Coolbaugh*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of New Hampshire. Resigned as Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, taking effect September 21, 1886.November 1, 1886.—The *Rev. Wm. S. Hayward*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Resigned as Missionary at Manistee, taking effect October, 1886.January 10, 1887.—The *Rev. Frederick A. DeRosset*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Mississippi. Resigned as Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, taking effect January 1, 1887.March 20, 1887.—The *Rev. Edwin G. Nock*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of New Jersey. Resigned as Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia, taking effect June 18, 1886.April 1, 1887.—The *Rev. Frank W. Henry*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Resigned as Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings, taking effect March 20, 1887.May 14, 1887.—The *Rev. Colin C. Tate*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Chicago. Resigned as Rector of Trinity Church, Niles, taking effect May 1, 1887.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority.)

September 6, 1886.—The *Rev. Henry Hughes*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Michigan. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, September 5, 1886.

October 22, 1886.—The *Rev. Geo. W. S. Ayres*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Mississippi. Entered on his duties as Rector of Grace Church, Holland and Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

November 20, 1881.—The *Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Maryland. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, November 7, 1880.

April 11, 1887.—The *Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Chicago. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Thomas Church, Battle Creek, March 6, 1887.

April 2, 1887.—The *Rev. George W. West*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Springfield. Entered on his duties as Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, February 20, 1887.

MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

February 2, 1887.—Grace Mission, Stanton Montcalm Co.

March 16, 1887.—Emmanuel Mission, Petoskey, Emmet Co.

January 16, 1887.—Christ Mission, Charlevoix.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

September 29, 1887.—S. Michael and All Angels, S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

The *Rev. Joseph S. Large* resigned the charge of Grace Church, Traverse City, taking effect January 1, 1887.

The *Rev. A. Welkerbee*, officiating in Grace Church, Union City, Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

November 1, 1886.—A Pastoral on Temperance.

December 27, 1886.—The Conduct of Divine Service.

January 1, 1887.—To the Members of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

Balance of the "Study at Home Fund," paid to Bishop's Trust Fund ...	\$ 2 51
Christ Church Sunday School, Philadelphia, for use at Paw Paw, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	25 00
Mrs. E. M. Bateman, Centreville, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	2 50
Mrs. E. F. Sweet, Grand Rapids, for Missionary use; paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	10 00
A Parishioner of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	20 00
Mrs. Amelia G. Fuller, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, for Missionary work, paid to Diocesan Missions	100 00
The Sunday School of the Church of the Transfiguration, Philadelphia per Rev. S. Corbett, D. D., paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	118 29
Mr. E. D. Sandford, Ionia, paid as directed.....	4 00
St. John's Church, Saginaw, per Rev. B. F. Matran, for the creation of Grace Church, Holland.....	37 24
Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md., per Rev. R. D. Paine, paid to the Episcopal Fund \$10; paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund \$15	25 00

MISSION FUNDS FROM DOMESTIC BOARD.

Grant from the Board of Missions, September 1, 1886, to September 1,
1887..... \$ 1 300 00

APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SAME.

The General Missionary.....	\$ 500 00
Rev. J. A. McGlone.....	100 00
Rev. M. S. Woodruff.....	250 00
Rev. William Morrall.....	150 00
Rev. J. S. Large, 1 quarter.....	25 00
Rev. H. Hughes, 3 quarters.....	75 00
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman.....	100 00
Unappropriated.....	100 00

VISITS TO SCHOOLS.

Paw Paw 3, Coldwater, Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Rockford, Hastings,
Manton, Homer, Marshall.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

June 2, 1886.—*Rev. Edward L. Greene*, by the Bishop of California, "for cause not affecting his moral character."

June 10, 1886.—*Jos. T. Wright*, Canon V, Title II, by the Bishop of Pittsburg.

June 10, 1886.—*Rev. Isaac Edgar Black*, by the Bishop of Tennessee.

June 10, 1886.—*Rev. F. A. Juny*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Tennessee, "not for causes affecting his moral character."

June 12, 1886.—*Rev. Joseph Kidder*, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, "for causes not affecting his moral character." Canon 5, Title II.

June 19, 1886.—*Rev. John Jay Joyce*, by the Bishop of Albany.

September 15, 1886.—*Rev. John Kiernan*, by the Bishop of East Carolina, "not for any cause affecting his moral character." Title II, Canon 5.

September 23, 1886.—*Rev. Casper Maurice Wines*, by the Bishop of Albany, (2) Sec. I, Canon 2, Title II.

September 27, 1886.—*Rev. William Lionel Watson*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Maine. Canon 5, Title II, No. 1.

September 29, 1886.—*Rev. Joseph H. Foy, D. D., LL. D.*, by the Bishop of Missouri, "not for any cause affecting his moral character." Title II, Canon 5.

November 15, 1886.—*Rev. William C. Newbitt*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Central New York. Canon 2, Title II.

November 7, 1886.—*George W. Bowne*, of the Diocese of Easton, by the Bishop of Maryland, "acting by the request of the Ecclesiastical Authority of Easton," he "having renounced the Ministry of this Church, and abandoned its Communion by formal admission into the Church of Rome."

December 11, 1886.—*Robert J. B. Winskill*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

February 24, 1887.—*John R. R. Robinson*, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

March 1, 1887.—*Rev. James G. Armstrong, D. D.*, by the Bishop of Georgia, Sec. III, Canon 5, Title II.

April 1, 1887.—*Rev. Christopher Denrcche* by the Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas. "Cause, drunkenness."

April 2, 1887.—*William Edward Walker*, by the Bishop of Fond du Lac, acting for the Bishop of Wisconsin. Sec. I, Canon V, Title II.

April 25, 1887.—*Henry Thompson Wirzman*, by the Bishop of Western Virginia. Canon 5, Title II.

May 5, 1887.—*Samuel E. Bailey*, by the Bishop of Connecticut, Sec. 1. Canon 5, Title II.

May 24, 1887.—*Thomas Hooker Eddy*, by the Bishop of Quincy. "This renunciation was voluntary and for cause not affecting moral character." Title II, Canon 5.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS DROPPED.

May 26, 1885.—(Notice Dated May 27, 1886). "Ceased to be Candidates for Holy Orders," in the Diocese of Chicago—*Henry F. Fuller*. "Ceased to be Postulants," *F. C. Hatheway, W. J. Robinson*.

July 3, 1886.—*C. S. Dod*, "Candidate for Orders in the Diocese of Florida." "Stricken from the List for cause."

December 3, 1886.—*Frederick James Keech*, "ceased to be a Candidate for Holy Orders" in the Diocese of Maryland."

July 2, 1886.—"The application of *Mr. Frederick David, John Kaesmann*, asking to be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders, rejected," by the Bishop of Maryland.

RESTORATION TO THE HOLY MINISTRY.

July 12, 1886.—Gave approval "of the remission and consent to remitting and and terminating the sentence of deposition pronounced upon *William E. Walker*, March 9, 1872, the proposed action being submitted by the Bishop of Wisconsin. Title II, Canon 11, Sec. II, (2).

May 27, 1886.—Received notice of "sentence of deposition pronounced" by the Bishop of Chicago, on *Rev. Franklin W. Adams*, was "remitted and terminated May 14, 1886." Title II, Canon 11, Sec. II.

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 28-29, 1886.—Monday and Tuesday, Racine College Board of Visitors and Trustees meeting.

July 1, 1886.—Thursday, Nashotah House, Board of Trustees.

Aug. 26, 1886.—Thursday. Diocesan office, Milwaukee, Trustees of Nashotah House.

October 6-23, 1885.—Chicago, the General Convention, 10th and 18th Sunday after Trinity, preached in S. Bartholomew's, Englewood. 17th Sunday after Trinity in Church of the Transfiguration, Chicago.

SUMMARY.

Baptized, infants, 9; adults, 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Buried	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Preached	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
Addresses delivered, not including Confirmation	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Children's services and addresses	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Celebrated the Holy Communion	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Confirmed in 20 Parishes, 8 Missions, and 3 other places	-	-	-	-	-	-	337
Meeting and Conferences	-	-	-	-	-	-	53

Organized Parishes visited, 27: Missions, 14; other places, 4; of these without regular services, 17; visited twice, 15; three times, 5; twelve times, 1.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total number of visitations		-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Clergymen received		-	-	-	-	-	-	5
" transferred		-	-	-	-	-	-	7
" in the Diocese resigning Parishes and changing Parishes		-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Visits to Schools and Colleges		-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Visits to State Institutions at home and abroad		-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Visits to Jails and Poor Houses		-	-	-	-	-	-	47

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

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APPENDIX "A."

A PASTORAL ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

I take the opportunity of the above appeal of the Presiding Bishop, signed by all the Bishops, to address you on the fearful evils of drinking habits, and what is our part and duty in the matter of reform.

Only those who have given special attention to the drinking habits that prevail about us, are impressed with the extent of the evil, and what it portends to the Country and the Church. I can refer to only a few facts:

"In the United States the consumption of wine has increased since 1880, 400 per cent., and of ardent spirits over 200 per cent. The people of this country used four gallons of intoxicating drinks per caput in 1840, and twelve gallons per caput in 1883. During the five years preceding 1884, while the population increased 15 per cent., the consumption of distilled spirits increased 44.5 per cent. In the eleven mountain states and territories, the average in 1880 was one saloon to every 43 voters. East of the Mississippi, one saloon to every 107.7 voters. According to the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for 1883, there were then in the U. S. 206,970 liquor dealers and manufacturers. Their saloons allowing twenty feet front to each, would reach in an unbroken line from Chicago to New York. During the past twenty years the temperance reform has made wonderful progress, and the proportion of teetotalers is much greater today than ever before, and yet the manufacture of intoxicants has rapidly increased, and there is much more liquor used per caput than formerly." (*Our Country; its possible future and its present crisis.*)

The evil is by no means one that attaches merely to classes of society which are away from our social life. "The roll written from within and without, lamentations, and mourning and woe," (Ezekiel 2, 10), has entered the homes in which we dwell, and with which we are familiar. Many a home of comfort and even elegance, is overshadowed by the dissipation of a parent or husband. The sorrow, the greater, because it may be the only weakness of character. Many a head is prematurely bowed by the bitter anguish with which the sad career of a son is filling the life. And often "the seraph sister band" have the joy of their youth clouded by a fond brother going down into the depths of drunkenness. Where is the family whose name is not tarnished by the drunkard in its line—and a person whose affections are not wounded by the settled habit of drinking of relative or friend?

This is not simply a question of charity and rescue for the ignorant, weaker classes of society. It is a question of the thrift and happiness all around us of the well being of the "all sorts and conditions of men," for whom we pray.

My brothers and sisters, can we stand still and say, Yes, the evil is fearful, but we cannot reach it? Can we permit grog shops, no name is too low, to line our streets, alluring every class, boldly overstepping even the moderate

restraints of law, and care no more than were they places of honest, needed traffic? Can we see our politics dominated by the liquor interest—the facts are ready if wanted—and not be roused to indignation as American citizens?

The person who does not think seriously on these things, must live strangely apart from the things that are, or be "past feeling." And the Christian man or woman who is not moved to the most earnest, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do," may well be asked, "what think you of Christ," and know you of Him, who "came to seek and to save that which is lost."

Men and brethren! What shall we do?

First—Study the terrible recital of figures and facts; until our minds are intelligent, and we can speak because we know and our hearts are in the matter of reformation.

Second—In our personal and social habits, let us denounce the demon of drink. We know not, what weakness and appetite within us, the cup in our hand may address. We know not, what is the danger of any guest, man or woman, at our board. Let the old customs of drinking the health, of proffering the bottle, of having wine at the wedding feast, die out. However it may have been in the past, they are full of danger to-day. If society was once safe with them, she is so no longer.

Third—To the extent that our intelligence and our conscience approve—and let us beware that no fear of man nor interest or business or companionship governs either—let us co-operate earnestly and liberally, in every effort to suppress the present trade in and use of intoxicating liquors.

Fourth—Let it be on our minds and hearts, to reach individual cases of exposure and fall, and to protect and purge our community and country.

To my dear brethren of the Clergy, I say, Preach often and pointedly on this subject. Warn the growing boys of your flocks, of the sin that may already assail them. Speak confidentially to young men on this, and the related vice of impurity. Let your voices be heard beyond your Churches—put yourselves on record as earnest for reform. If practicable form a Parochial Church Temperance Society.

Be assured, my fellow laborers unto the Kingdom of God, that the wine cup of the higher, and the whiskey cup of the humbler classes, of society, is the very Satan that is hindering our most earnest, best judged efforts in all our salvation work.

Dear brethren of the Clergy and Laity, the Church has not done her duty in this work—she is not doing it now. We must act. If popular measures are unwise, we must find measures that are wise. We may act as citizens, we must act as Christians. Says a recent writer, "there is no such foe to the demon of intemperance as a loved and personal Saviour."

There is the voice of our degraded humanity, the voice from ruined homes, of bleeding hearts. Yes, and there is the voice of our Heavenly Father, who desireth not the death of a sinner, and no drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of God; the voice of Him who died to save us from lives of shame and sorrow, and to give us promises as Sons of God, and heirs of the grace of life; all pleading with us, to do all our hearts may tell us and our hands may help us to do, to crush the awful, damning liquor trade and liquor drinking.

Yours in common sympathies and responsibilities,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Episcopal Residence.

All Saints' Day, November 1, 1886.

APPENDIX "B."

THE CONDUCT OF DIVINE SERVICE—A PASTORAL TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

DEAR BRETHREN: The changes made by the General Convention in the Prayer Book, and the variety of practice which attains in our Churches, warrant the Diocesan as an Ordinary, to counsel his clergy with a view of securing adherence, at least to the spirit of our Book of Common Prayer and uniformity of use in the Diocese.

THE USE OF ALL THE SERVICES.

By a Resolution passed by the General Convention 1874, (Journal pp. 204, 361) it is declared, "That it is the sense of this Convention that nothing in the present Order of Common Prayer prohibits the separation when desirable, of the Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, into distinct services, which may be used independently of each other and either of them without the others; *Provided*, that when used together, they be used in the same order as that in which they have commonly been used and in which they stand in the Book of Common Prayer."

It is to be observed that "the separation," and the "independent use," are guarded by the terms, "*when desirable*." The Convention did not mean to authorize a departure from the usual order of the Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion with or without the Holy Communion, unless some good reason existed for the separation or omission, and certainly did not intend to authorize the *infrequent* use of any of the three services. The Morning Prayer with its psalter for the day, and appointed lessons; and the Ante-Communion with the Collect, Epistle and Gospel, the very key note of the Sunday; are the hallowing of the Lord's Day in our sanctuaries. And the Litany with its solemn pleadings for the mercy we all need, its petitions embracing so largely the changes and vicissitudes of our life, and its far reaching intercessions; is too precious to all true worshippers, to be left unsaid, or to have the limited use of one Sunday in the month, or as a Sunday School Service. To almost every soul in the congregation, there is some strain of the "General Supplication," that makes it the "comfortable word," often as it is uttered.

I trust that beyond omission of the Litany on the Lord's Day, when the Holy Communion is to follow the Morning Service, in all our Churches where the congregation is composed mainly of Church people, and there are all the appliances for comfortable and edifying services, the three services will be uniformly used. Should limiting the time in Church be desired, though an hour and a half or even a little beyond, is no great demand on any who frequent the Sanctuary, especially when we consider to how many the Morning Service on Sunday is their only Church presence, it may be secured by omitting the lengthy processional or recessional, or even omitting the singing of

Glorias in the Psalter, of the responses to the Commandments, and by reading the *Te Deum*.

CHANGES IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

This is not the place to comment on the "alterations and additions" ratified by the Church in General Convention. They have become law, and I only refer to points where some choice is allowed.

The Magnificat will enliven the Advent and Christmas services, the Nunc dimittis, far more appropriate as now appointed than in the place where it has been used, will emphasize the Epiphany season, and Psalms 42 and 43 will impart to the Lenten services that tone of contrition and holy aspiration of which we have all felt the need.

The Liberty to omit the General Exhortation in the Evening Service on the Lord's Day, and in addition, the Confession and Absolution, proceeding from the Sentences to the Lord's Prayer, on other days, will be welcomed. When the Evening Prayer is the only service of the Lord's Day, it would be advisable to use it entire.

The liberty given in the rubric in the Evening Prayer—"The Minister may here end the Evening Prayer with such Prayer or Prayers taken out of this Book as he shall think fit," conveys a very solemn trust to the officiating Minister. As an aid to its discharge, I submit these suggestions.

- a. The use of Prayers adapted to the Church seasons or day.
- b. The occasional Prayers, including the Prayers set forth for use in this Diocese—for the Diocese, for Missions, for the Candidates for Confirmation, and in the vacancy of a cure of souls.
- c. Prayers adapted to the subject of the sermon.
- d. Prayers with some reference to the character of the congregation.

In this place, let me remind you of the practice in the Diocese, during the session of Legislature, to insert in the Prayer for Congress after "assembled," and for the Legislature of this State.

The allowed reference in the Prayer For All Conditions of Men and in the General Thanksgiving, to cases not provided for by any special form, will, when the people are made to understand the privilege, and the Minister is mindful of passing events in the community and in the country, realize the House of Prayer for all people.

THE BOOK OF OFFICES.

While the Church has not accepted these forms, and I am not prepared to authorize their use as a whole, in Public Worship, they are generally so admirable in spirit and expression, and among them are prayers and thanksgivings for which the Prayer Book does not so directly provide, that I see no reason why they may not serve our necessity in such cases as, "For a Person or Persons on a Journey," "For a Child's Recovery from Sickness," "For an Escape from Accident," "For a Safe Return from a Journey." The Book will prove a very useful Manual for such gatherings as will be in every vigorous Parish, and for which the Prayer Book has not especially provided.

DISUSE OF PARTS OF THE SERVICE.

- a. The denial of the Faith abroad, and departure from its authorized statement at the lips of some of our clergy in high places, render advisable the more frequent use of the Nicene Creed. At least it should be the Creed in the office of the Holy Communion and should be said on Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsun-day, and Trinity Sunday. The use from Advent

Sunday through Trinity Sunday, at one service, would be the "nourishing up in the words of faith and of good doctrine."

b. The Sentences to be "in reading" "whilst the Alms are received," are the Church's appeal for "Alms and other devotions of the people," which is lost by the substitution of an Anthem.

The Clergy cannot better assert their right to an ample support, cheerfully and conscientiously rendered, than by utterance of these Scriptures, and all our charities need such divine enforcement.

c. While the frequency of the Administration of the Holy Communion, will account for the common omission of all but a sentence or two of the warning; this frequency renders advisable such use that the people may often hear every part. And as long as the people are "negligent to come to the Holy Communion," whether those who are registered as Communicants, or those who have never complied with the affecting command; the very moving appeal the Church has provided, should be heard at least at such times, as the beginning of the Church or the natural year, and as we enter on the Lenten season.

d. In this reference, I must refer to a growing practice of the administration of Baptism out of the place to which it is assigned in the service. The Candidate, whether the infant or adult, should have the benefit of the prayers of the congregation, and the affecting appeal of a baptism should not be lost to the congregation. By how many unbaptized persons, and how many parents or guardians who are allowing their wards to grow up outside the ark of safety, is baptism in the Church ever witnessed? Very few under our present practice.

e. The adaptation of the Hymn used to the Church season or the sermon, and a similar regard to the latter in the choice of the closing Collects, would give a unity to the services, and is part of the beauty of holiness in the Common prayer.

THE READING OF THE SERVICES.

Permit me to suggest the importance of giving to the services that impressiveness which careful, reverent reading will impart. The benefit of a responsive service is very much lost when the voice of the officiating Minister breaks in upon the unfinished sentence of the congregation. Each prayer in its utterance should give impression of address to "the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity." In the reading of Holy Scripture, "the voice should plainly carry with its every utterance the recognition that the subject matter is the very word of God, conveying truth which commends itself to every man's conscience in His sight. "While the arts of the Elocutionist are to be avoided, there is a sacred study of the Services that will give us indeed "the amiable tabernacles of the Lord of Hosts."

THE MUSIC OF THE CHURCH.

We may spare the stronger terms of the Canon, (Title 1, Canon 23, § 11) but we must regard it as "unseemly music" when there are unmeaning, wearying repetitions, and with the holiest words, and standing in the holiest spot, and perhaps robed in almost priestly vestments, the singers bring in the associations of the Concert Hall and seem almost to court the plaudits.

I offer you the suggestions, my brethren, believing that with me, you will wish to promote uniformity of Services in our Diocese, and that you desire conscientiously to adhere to the requirements of our formularies.

While the action of the Church in General Convention has not been all we could desire, that some response has been given to the wish for shortened services and for certain additions to the Prayer Book, and there is the prospect of further improvement; should make us all the more unwilling to assume a liberty which makes void our canonical obedience. Let it be our aim, using the Prayer Book honestly to render the services all that the work of God in our Parishes demands.

Yours in the blessed stewardship of souls.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

St. John, the Evangelist Day, A. D. 1886.

APPENDIX "C."

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Members of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions:

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—You are associated in a Woman's Auxiliary of your Parish. The principal design of your Association is, the preparation of articles of clothing and household use, for the clergy and their families and for schools. Of the importance of this work, I have the highest appreciation, and would on no account do anything to lessen interest in it.

Yet from the very importance of this work, it has enlisted workers to an extent that it will not suffer should those engaged in it, give some part of their time in the direction of other opportunities for woman's energy and zeal.

The able Honorary Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, has wisely said, "It seems as though in fifteen years we should have reached that point, at which our thoughts might turn more definitely to the seeking out and cultivation of personal character, talent and skill, for active Missionary Services."

In all benevolence, it is wise to have reference to the varied gifts and opportunities of individuals. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." Those who cannot be enlisted in the special work of the Auxiliary, or who will pursue it with only a slothful interest, may yet prove choice workers in some vocation of charity equally or even more important.

Permit me to suggest what seem to me may be the doing good and communicating of the woman in the ordinary Parish.

I.

1. The care of the sick and aged. A band of women whom the Rector could call upon for the attentions which loneliness and poverty, especially in sickness, need, would render a service such as the Master referred to when he said, "I was sick and ye visited me." I recall such a band in my own pastoral life, whose services I doubt not are in that "crown of rejoicing" most of them have now received.

2. Attention to class of women who need in the way of instruction and sympathy. There are many such and while we cannot promise that well meant intentions will always be appreciated or even accepted, there are those who will welcome what they feel is kindly imparted from a rank of society higher than their own. Reading classes, classes for Biblical instruction, or even for teaching home ways and work may be formed.

3. The care of the young whose surroundings are degrading and of vicious tendency. The home often denies the guardianship which is yet needed to save in every sense in which humanity may be saved. There is no more blessed ministry, than for a kind hearted yet judicious woman to take under her charge, so far as intercourse with its cheerful counsel and encouragement, the girl of the neighborhood who has no home or only the home of squalor and

vice. In lack of just this adoption of Charity, many a girl finds her way to the life which it is a shame to speak of, or is branded as the inmate of a reformatory.

4. Teaching children some industrial employment. The sewing class or school should exist in every Parish. It is part of a reform in education that will do more than anything else to banish pauperism.

5. All these and other equally beneficial purposes will be secured by district visiting. The objects of such care must be sought out. Generally the need that thrusts itself on our attention is precisely that which repels all friendly services, but such as answer the cry of "the daughters of the horse leech, give, give."

II.

Whether we regard the work that is ready to the hand, or the field of a larger and more exacting benevolence, private study and thought, and conference among Christian workers, are demanded. Let me suggest, that at the sewing meetings of the Parish Auxillary there shall be some reading, such as our Missionary periodicals, and the excellent "Church Work," edited by Mrs. Twing, will furnish. Out of such reading would often grow informal yet very useful discussion. Let every meeting be opened with appropriate prayer. The Parish should have a collection of such works as in various forms portray the doing good of women, that may be loaned and read.

III.

In these suggestions, I must acknowledge, that while I have chiefly in mind the women whose good works in the Church may only employ a small portion of an otherwise occupied life. I am also looking forward to that entire consecration of women which under the name and form of the Deaconess or Sister happily already attains among us.

We need this consecration in a higher degree than it has yet reached in our Communion. That degree that loneliness, menial offices, and even the surroundings of degradation and vice will not refuse us the earnest cheerful women workers. The Sister paid, attended, with genial associations we need and we have. We want also, the sister who in the absence of all these will be moved to go where I fear the Church to-day would say she ought not to go, where only the constraining love will lead her and will keep her, "leaning on the Beloved."

My sisters in the Lord, may God "make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen.

Very sincerely your

Friend and Bishop,
GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS, TITLE I., CANON XVII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

S. JAMES' CHURCH, ALBION, CALHOUN COUNTY, (1840).

The REV. BELNO A. BROWN, B. D., M. D., Rector, (1844).

C. Howard Daskam, Creighton B. Lane, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 5: total	-	-	-	-	6
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	78
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	18
Communicants—Last reported, 60: admitted, 18; total added, 18: died, 1: total lost, 1; present number male, 17; present number female, 61; total	-	-	-	-	78
Marriages, 1; burials,	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 120; holy days, 12; week days, 25; total,	-	-	-	-	157
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	35
Congregation—Families, 30: adults, 100; children, 40; total	-	-	-	-	140
Catechising—Number of times	-	-	-	-	52
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3: female, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	4
Pupils, male, 11; female, 30; total	-	-	-	-	41
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	35
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	7
Names of Parochial Societies—S. Elizabeth's Guild.					

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to April 10)	-	-	-	\$420 00
For Insurance,	-	-	-	35 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	75 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	300 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	\$ 830 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	10 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	10 00
Domestic Missions by Sunday School,	-	-	-	8 30
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	8 20
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$ 848 20

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$151.97; subscriptions, \$279.00; individual gifts, \$55.83; women's associations, \$300.00; the Sunday School, \$8.20; other sources, \$35.00; total \$830.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,000.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$800.00: salary of the Rector, \$420.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$3,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, page 90.

GOOD SHEPHERD ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, (1860).

The Rev. D. D. CHAPIN, Rector, (1881).

Wm. B. Williams, Lay Reader.

Wm. B. Williams, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens,

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, total, 7; Confirmed	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 94: admitted, 4; received, 2; total added, 6;			
died 3; removed, 4; total lost, 7; present number male, 29; present num-			
ber, female, 64; total,	-	-	93
Marriages, 1; burials	-	-	7
Public Services—Sundays, 98; holy days, 75; total,	-	-	173
Holy Communion—Public, 28; Private, 6,	-	-	
Congregation—Families, 57; adults, 160; children, 100, total	-	-	260
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	50
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 7; total, 9; pupils,			
male, 40; female, 45; total,	-	-	85
Average attendance,	-	-	50
Number of volumes, S. S. Library,	-	-	200
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i>	-	-	20
Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Auxiliary; Ladies' Aid Society.			

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	\$ 15 00
For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	684 16
For other salaries,	-	-	-	64 75
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	100 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	40 00
For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	40 00
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	100 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	\$ 943 91
Diocesan Missions including old pledge,	-	-	-	124 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	38 25
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	4 50
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	166 75
General Missions,	-	-	-	6 00
Woman's Auxiliary aid,	-	-	-	15 50
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	-	-	-	5 00
By the Sunday School, for Box to Indian Mission,	-	-	-	13 02
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	40 42
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$1,151 08

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$50.00; the envelope system, \$588.68; subscriptions for Diocesan Missions including old pledge, \$104.00

Women's Associations, \$100.00; income from investments, \$17.50; the Sunday School, \$43.43; other sources, \$138.04; total, \$1,041.65.

Value of Church Property—The Church \$8,000; Rectory, \$1,500; Organ, \$1,825; total, \$9,075.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$50.00; secured, \$750,

Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,000; Organ, \$1,000; total, \$5,000.

Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250.

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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATTLE CREEK, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1842).

The REV. ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Rector, (1887)

Clement Wakelee, Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 2; total 7; Confirmed,	-	-	19
Communicants—Last reported, 152; admitted, 19; received, 5; total added,	-	-	
24; died, 2; removed, 10; total lost, 12; present number, male, 28; female	-	-	
136; total,	-	-	164
Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	4
Public Services, since March 1, 1887.—Sundays, 34; holy days, 6; week	-	-	
days, 24; total,	-	-	64
Holy Communion, since March 1, 1887.—Public, 13; private,	-	-	8
Congregation—Families, 100; adults, (about) 200; children, 150; total,	-	-	350
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 11; total, 13; pupils,	-	-	
total,	-	-	75
Average attendance,	-	-	50
Number of volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	370
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	21

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	\$ 14 76
For the Rector's Salary.	-	-	-	824 98
For other Salaries,	-	-	-	364 80
For insurance,	-	-	-	70 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	221 11
For Parish through Parish aid,	-	-	-	66 78
By the Sunday School for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	23 06
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	\$1,570 73
Diocesan missions,	-	-	-	90 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	96 23
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese,	-	-	-	29 60
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	10 00
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	-	225 83
General Missions,	-	-	-	53 91
Woman's Auxiliary aid,	-	-	-	735
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	-	5 20
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	46 46
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$1,843 02

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$378.37; Pew Rents, \$1,221.54; Women's Associations, \$3.91; Income from investments, \$180.00; The Sunday School, \$55.70; total, \$1,919.52.

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, \$24,200; Rectory, \$1,800.

Insurance—On the Church, \$7,000

Salary of the Rector, \$1,000.00.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 500.

Bishop's Address, pages 83-87-91.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY. (1871.)

The REV. MONTGOMERY S. WOODRUFF, Rector. (1885).

Calvin W. Nottingham, Lay Reader and Superintendent Sunday School.

Calvin W. Nottingham, William D. Smith, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 11; total,	-	-	-	-	21
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	91
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	21
Communicants—Last reported, 76; admitted 21; received, 6; total added,	-	-	-	-	
27; removed, 14; dropped 2; total lost. 16; present number, male, 16;	-	-	-	-	
female, 71; total,	-	-	-	-	87
Marriages, 5; burials,	-	-	-	-	5
Public Services—Sundays, 94; holy days, 4; week days, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	110
Congregation—Families, 55; adults, 119; children, 67; total,	-	-	-	-	186
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	173
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 12; total, 14; pupils	-	-	-	-	
male, 44; female, 50; total,	-	-	-	-	94
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	70
Number of volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	200
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	17

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid; Woman's Auxiliary.

Have held Missionary services in Harbor Springs, Reed City, Petoskey.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	-	\$640 00
For other salaries,	-	-	-	-	138 60
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	13 00
For repairs on the Rectory,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For all other expenses of parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	38 29
aid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	122 10
For the Sunday School, by the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	42 12
By the Sunday School. for Rectory,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	19 11
Special for Organ and Rectory debt fund,	-	-	-	-	207 00
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	226 11
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$1,243 72
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	40 00

Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	54 00	
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	2 66	
Woman's Auxiliary aid in the Diocese,	-	-	-	15 71	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-		112 37
General Missions,	-	-	-	5 51	
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	4 96	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	4 08	
Bible and Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	3 14	
Societies for Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	1 05	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-		18 73
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-		\$1,373 82

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$243.36; the envelope system, \$432.60; subscriptions, \$146.74; women's associations, \$258.71; the Sunday School, \$1.73; other sources, 213.48; total, \$1,374.82.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,500; Organ, \$800; total, \$5,300.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$250.00; secured, \$400.00.

Salary of the Rector, \$750.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,800; Rectory, \$200; other property, \$640; total, \$3,060.

Capacity on the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, pages 87-90-91.

S. MARK'S, COLDWATER, BRANCH COUNTY. (1848).

The REV. HENRY HUGHES, Rector. (1886).

Noah P. Loveridge, Moses Smith, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 25; adults, 18; total,	-	-	-	38
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	156
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	23
Communicants—Last reported, 138; admitted, 23; received, 6; total added, 29; died, 1, removed, 6; not found, 4; total lost, 11; present number, male, 41; female, 115; total,	-	-	-	156
Marriages, 5; burials,	-	-	-	8
Public Services—Sundays, 76; holy days, 5; week days, 42; total,	-	-	-	123
Holy Communion—Public, 17; private,	-	-	-	3
Congregation—Families, 80; adults, 204; children, 109; total,	-	-	-	313
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	260
Catechising—Number of times, monthly,	-	-	-	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 9; total 11; pupils, male, 38; female, 79; total,	-	-	-	117
Average attendance,	-	-	-	70
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	248
Subscribers to Church Helper,	-	-	-	21

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary.

Have held services in Tekonsha, twice; private celebration of Holy Communion.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 32 07
For the Rector's Salary, (Paid to May 31st, 1887)	-	-	-	-	-	750 00
For other Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
For Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
For repairs on the Rector's residence	-	-	-	-	-	290 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	-	418 00
The increase and improvement of church property,	-	-	-	-	-	115 00
By the Sunday School, for library books and expenses of maintaining Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	105 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,844 07
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	59 75
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen,	-	-	-	-	-	9 22
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese, to Missionary,	-	-	-	-	-	20 50
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	149 47
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	19 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	6 50
Missions for Colored People, Indian Missions	-	-	-	-	-	7 68
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
Woman's Auxiliary Aid box to Nashotah,	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
By the Sunday School for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
By the Parish for relief of Churches in Charleston, S. C.,	-	-	-	-	-	13 98
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	58 11
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,061 65

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$343.90; pew rents, \$1,000.00; the envelope system, \$28.00; woman's association's, \$475.09; the Sunday School, \$145.00; other sources, \$59.75; total, \$2,061.65.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$14,000; Chapel, \$2,500; total, \$15,500.

Indebtedness—Salary of the Rector, \$1,000 and house.

Insurance—On the Church, \$7,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 400; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 85-80.

S. PAUL'S, ELK RAPIDS, ANTRIM COUNTY.

The REV. WM. MORRALL,

James Ellis, H. B. Ellis, Wardens,

W. C. Lewis, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Baptized—infants, 13; adults, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	59
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 54; admitted, 3; total added, 3; died, 2; removed, 1, total lost three; present number, male, 12, female, 41, total,	-	-	-	-	-	58

Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	-	6
Public services—Sundays, 106; holy days, 8; week days, 24; total,	-	-	-	138
Holy Communion—Public, 16; private,	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 37; adults, 67; children, 50; total,	-	-	-	117
Of these, baptized, persons,	-	-	-	95
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	25
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9; pupils,	-	-	-	90
male, 55; female, 35; total,	-	-	-	55
Average attendance,	-	-	-	55
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	10

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Guild; Young Peoples' Guild.

Have held Missionary services in Petoskey, one Sunday; Harbor Springs, one Sunday; Charlevoix, one Sunday.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary, (paid to June 21, 1887),	-	\$1 000 00
For insurance,	-	35 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	67 27
The increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	65 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	101 97
" " , interest on debt,	-	123 75
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	\$139 290
Diocesan Missions,	-	35 00
Assessment of Convention,	-	51 07
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen,	-	7 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	93 07
Total of Offerings,	-	\$1,477 55

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$268.40; the envelope system, \$1,000; subscriptions, \$27.08; women's associations, \$88.75; Young Peoples' Guild, 93.40; total, \$1,477.55.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,254.67; Other Property, \$690; total: \$5,944.67.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$739.41; Salary of the Rector, \$1,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$3,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; all free; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, page 87.

S. JOHN'S, GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1876).

The REV. THEODORE J. KNAPP, D. D., Rector. (1896).

Geo. D. Sanford, Sr., John McFie, J., Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 7; total,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	104
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Communicants—Last reported, 92; admitted, 11; received 1; total added,	-	-	-	-	-	
12; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number, male, 22, female,	-	-	-	-	-	
60; total,	-	-	-	-	-	101
Marriages, 7; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays 50; week days, 12; total,	-	-	-	-	-	62

Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	14
Congregation—Families, 52; adults, 96; children, 102; total,	-	-	-	196
Of these baptized persons,	-	-	-	197
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	8
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 11; total, 14;	-	-	-	99
pupils, 40, female, 59; total,	-	-	-	80
Average attendance,	-	-	-	255
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	7
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	

Names of Parochial Societies—Helping Hand; Ladies' Society.

Have held Missionary Services in Coopersville twice.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary, (paid to Easter)	-	-	\$766 84
For other salaries,	-	-	10 50
For interest,	-	-	12 56
For repairs on Rectory,	-	-	47 00
For increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	-	313 08
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$1,149 73
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	50 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	50 00
Woman's Auxiliary Aid,	-	-	9 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	9 50

Total of Offerings, - - - - \$1,209 23

The receipts from the Offertory, \$180.10; pew rents, \$539.75; Easter offering, \$66.24; women's associations, \$134.01; total, \$920.12.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$6,500.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$527.95; secured, \$750.00.

Salary of the Rector, \$1,000 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church and Rectory, \$3,700.

Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; free, 50; rented, 200.

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S. MARK'S, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1836).

The REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., Rector. (1886).

Martin Damer, Lay Reader.

W. R. Shelby, Edwin F. Uhl, Wardens.

W. J. Stuart and A. C. Torrey, Superintendents of Sunday Schools.

Baptized—Infants, 38; adults, 8; total,	-	-	-	46
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	22
Communicants—Last reported, 508; admitted, 22; received, 39; total	-	-	-	548
added, 61; died, 11; removed, 5; total lost, 16; present number, male,	-	-	-	
200; female, 348; total,	-	-	-	38
Marriages, 14; burials,	-	-	-	898
Public Services—Sundays, 198; holy days, 167; week days, 538; total,	-	-	-	22
Holy Communion—Public, 96; private,	-	-	-	1 800
Congregation—Families, about 300; adults, 1,300; children, 500; total,	-	-	-	1 760
Of these, baptized persons	-	-	-	

Catechising—Number of times, twice every Sunday, - - -
Two Sunday Schools—Teachers and officers, male, 11; female, 25; total, -
 36; pupils, male, 158; female, 198; total, - 351
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 50; S. S. Library, - 200
Names of Parochial Societies—Choir, St. Mark's Home, Sunday School, Good Samaritan S. S., Bible Classes, Industrial Band, Helping Hand Society, Sewing School, Mothers' Meeting, Girls Friendly Society, Thursday Club, Ministering League, Deaf-Mute Service. Women's Mission Society, Men's Mission Society, Children's Mission Society, Temperance Society, Young Women's Society, "20 Minute Society." Maternite.

Have held Missionary services in S. Mark's, Newaygo. "Earnest Workers" in Paris Township, and "Visitations of Prisoners."

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms, - - - - -	\$ 365 02
S. Mark's Home and hospital, - - - - -	4 754 49
For the Rector's salary (vacancy during part of the year,) - - - - -	2 550 00
For other salaries, - - - - -	1 286 25
For insurance, - - - - -	135 00
For repairs on the Rectory, - - - - -	681 51
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - -	701 51
The increase and improvement of Church Property, - - - - -	157 25
Societies within the Parish, - - - - -	1 329 18
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last convention, \$7,000)	
[See appended note.]	
For the Sunday School - - - - -	592 70
Balance in hand, - - - - -	1 515 19
Total for Parochial objects, - - - - -	\$14,048 18
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	700 00
Assessment of the convention, - - - - -	311 50
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, - - - - -	86 48
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese, - - - - -	165 00
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	1,362 98
General Missions, - - - - -	120 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, - - - - -	11 77
Societies for the Conversion of Jews, - - - - -	9 17
Woman's Auxiliary aid, - - - - -	49 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	189 94
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$15,601 10

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$2,550.13; pew rents, \$5,586.49; subscriptions, \$331.64; individual gifts, \$106.47; Parish associations, \$1,329.18; the Sunday Schools, \$562.70; S. Mark's Home, \$5,104.49, (\$350 of this was through the Offertory), total, \$15,601.10.

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, \$65,000; Rectory, \$12,000; Church Home or Hospital, \$10,000; total, \$87,000.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$1,850; secured, \$6,000.

Salary of the Rector, \$3,000 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church, \$20,000; Rectory, \$6,000; Other Property, \$3,500; total, \$29,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 1300; free, 400; rented, 800.

Please note the following:

1. Financial parts of this report is from March, 1886, to March, 1887.
2. Since March, 1887, over \$5,000 debt has been paid off.
3. In addition to the \$700 put down for Diocesan Missions, personal donations have been sent to the Bishop and Treasurer as reported by them.
4. Contributions to the "General Missions" of the Church, and to other objects "Exterior to the Diocese," will be forwarded during the present year.

Bishop's Address, pages 82-86-90.

GRACE CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1875).

The Rev. Geo. W. West, Rector. (1887),

Charles K. Seymour, Superintendent of Sunday School and Lay Reader.

Jacob Kleinhans, W. H. Raguel, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 16; adults, 8; total,	-	-	-	-	24
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	184
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	19
Communicants—Last reported, 154; admitted, 19; received, 31; total added, 50; died, 2; removed, 16; not found, 2; total lost, 20; present number male, 40; female, 144; total,	-	-	-	-	184
Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	-	-	5
Public services—Sundays, 64; holy days, 14; week days, 96; (since Feb. 20), total,	-	-	-	-	174
Holy Communion—Public, 30; private,	-	-	-	-	2
Congregation—Families, 125; adults, 260; children, 150; total,	-	-	-	-	410
Of these, baptized persons, about	-	-	-	-	300
Catechising—number of times,	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 12; total, 17; pupils, male, 55; female, 68; total,	-	-	-	-	123
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	90

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Sewing Society, Grace Church Guild, (Young People), St. Agnes' Guild for Girl's.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	-	\$732 09
For other salaries,	-	-	-	-	178 50
Fuel and Light	-	-	-	-	70 27
Repairs,	-	-	-	-	17 95
For repairs on Rectory,	-	-	-	-	72 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	179 58
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	152 87
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$1,306 76
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	71 51
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	121 51
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	3 68
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	3 68
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$1,523 85

The receipts from the Offertory, \$547.29; the envelope system, \$692.21; subscriptions, \$64.45; legacies, \$2,300, (to cover indebtedness); women's associations, \$90.00; the Sunday School, \$90.00, (Children's Guild); other sources, \$40.00; total, \$1,523.95.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$10,000; Rectory, \$2,260; total, \$12,260.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$200; secured, \$1,040.

Salary of the Rector, \$1,100 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,800; Rectory, \$1,500; Other Property, \$200; total, \$3,500.

Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; free, all,

The present incumbent began work Feb. 20, 1887, after a vacancy of five months. Services were kept up by the Lay Reader to whom the Parish is greatly indebted. The interruption in church work will largely explain the absence of gifts to objects exterior to the Diocese.

Bishop's Address, pages 76-85-87-91.

TRINITY CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1886).

The REV. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Rector. (1886).

The Rector, Superintendent of Sunday School.

William Cox, Andrew Johnson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	60
Communicants—Last reported, 61; admitted, 0; received, 4; total added, 4; died, 3; removed, 2; dropped, 12; total lost, 17; present number, male, 9; female, 39; total,	-	-	-	-	-	48
Marriages, 5; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Public Services—Sundays, 101; holy days, (Lenten), 56; week days, 52; total,	-	-	-	-	-	209
Holy Communion—Public, 19; private,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 64; children, 102; total,	-	-	-	-	-	166
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 8; total, 12; pupils, male, 35, female, 41; total,	-	-	-	-	-	76
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	60

Names of Parochial Societies—Rector's Aid Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 27 00
For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	960 00
For other salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Vestments,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
By the Sunday School for itself	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,217 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00

Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	8 00

Total of Offerings, \$1,235 00

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$25.00; the envelope system, \$350.00; subscriptions \$500.00; individual gifts, \$150.00; women's associations, \$48.00; the Sunday School, \$75.00; total, \$1,208.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$6,000.

Salary of the Rector, \$1,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 300; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 88-84-86.

ST. PAUL'S, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1871).

The REV. J. RICE TAYLOR, Rector. (1885)

Ebenezer Anderson and William F. Walker, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants and Children,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants—Last reported, 77; admitted, 15; received 2; total added, 17; removed, 4; dropped, 8; total lost, 7; present number, male, 16; female, 71; total,	-	-	-	-	-	87
Marriages, 8; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Public Services—Sundays 94; holy days, 3; week days, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	-	107
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Congregation—Families, 78; adults, 99; children, 104; total,	-	-	-	-	-	203
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; pupils, male, 86; female 51; total,	-	-	-	-	-	86
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 16; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	220

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 467 76
For other Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	90 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	-	58 21
By the Sunday School	-	-	-	-	-	66 44
In favor of S. S., Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	-	51 91
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 672 41
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	75
For Church at Holland,	-	-	-	-	-	3 01
By the Sunday School for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
Church at Holland,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	19 76
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Indian Missions	-	-	-	-	-	2 00

Societies for the conversion of Jews, - - -	2 00
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions, - - -	6 00
By the Sunday School for Colored People, - - -	2 90
By the Sunday School for Foreign Missions, - - -	6 00
" " " " the Colored School, Richmond, Va., - - -	3 00
" " " " Christianizing the Jews, - - -	2 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, - - -	25 00
Total of Offerings, - - -	\$ 717 17

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$192.24; the envelope system, \$275.52; women's association's, \$102.30; the Sunday School, \$102.25; total, \$672.41.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$4,000.

Salary of the Rector, nominally, \$1,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; all free.

During Lent, in the absence of the Rector of St. Mark's, held some twenty-five week day services with usually an address at each. In Saugatuck have held three Missionary services, officiated at two marriages and attended one funeral. At Holland have attended two funerals.

A Parish building is much needed for Church and Sunday School work. Some \$75.00 are held in reserve by the ladies for this object provided a sum sufficient can be raised. Both the Rector and his people feel that they ought to have aid from the Missionary funds of the Diocese.

Bishop's Address, pages 90-91.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, HASTINGS, BARRY COUNTY. (1863).

The Rev. J. S. LARGE, Officiating.

Mrs. Ellen E. Robinson, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Henry A. Goodyear, D. G. Robinson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 16; adults, 6; total, - - -	22
Confirmed during the year, - - -	16
Communicants—Last reported, 103; admitted, 15; total added, 15; present number male, 18; present number, female, 97; total, - - -	115
Marriages, 3; burials - - -	8
Congregation—Families, 44; adults, 104; children, 70, total - - -	174
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 8; total, 11; pupils, male, 28; female, 62; total, - - -	60
Average attendance, - - -	65
Number of volumes, S. S. Library, - - -	208
Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society, St. Agnes' Guild; Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary, - - -	\$ 820 00
For other salaries, Sexton, - - -	78 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - -	65 00
The increase and improvement of Church Property, - - -	21 43
For the Sunday School, - - -	28 50
Balance in hand - - -	289 98
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -	\$1,012 93

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	55 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	30 13
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	2 26
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Services for Deaf Mutes,	-	-	-	-	2 80
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	78 50
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	10 00
By the Sunday School for Rev. G; W. Ayres' new church,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	106 60
General Missions,	-	-	-	-	36 82
Indian Missions,	-	-	-	-	1 38
Woman's Auxiliary aid,	-	-	-	-	7 70
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	-	-	-	-	6 00
" " " " Children's Cot Hospital,	-	-	-	-	-
China,	-	-	-	-	5 00
By the Sunday School for Indian Mission Christmas Gift	-	-	-	-	2 35
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	50 65
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$1,268 27

The receipts—The envelope system, \$820; women's associations, \$322.73; income from investments, \$25.26; the Sunday School, \$74.87; other sources, balance, \$60.00; total, \$1,302.91.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,500; investments, \$560.73; total, \$3,060.73.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,200.

Capacity of the Church—Whole number of sittings, 160; all free,

Bishop's Address, pages 76-83-88.

GRACE CHURCH, HOLLAND, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1866.)

The REV. G. W. S. AYRES, Missionary. (1886).

Charles A. Stevenson and Franklin G. Churchill, Wardens.

Mrs. Hannah Roost and Rev. G. W. S. Ayres, Superintendents of the S. S. ☐

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	8
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	40
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Last reported, 24; admitted 7; received, 10; total added,	-	-	-	-	-
17; died, 1; removed, 2; dropped 5; total lost. 8; present number, male,	-	-	-	-	-
6; female, 34; total,	-	-	-	-	40
Marriages, 2; burials,	-	-	-	-	4
Public Services—Sundays, 64; holy days, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	66
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	12
Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 75; children, 48; total,	-	-	-	-	123
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	110
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 6; pupils	-	-	-	-	-
male, 12; female, 23; total,	-	-	-	-	35
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	5

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Guild of Grace Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	\$400 00
For rent of Hall,	-	-	-	34 00
For all other expenses of parish maintenance,	-	-	-	18 62
By the Sunday School for papers, books, etc.,	-	-	-	14 25
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	\$466 87
Diocesan missions,	-	-	-	49 83
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy,	-	-	-	1 21
Total for Diocesan objects,	-	-	-	51 04
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	2 13
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	2 20
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	4 33
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$522 24

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$105.50; subscriptions, \$400.00; organ fund, \$30.00; women's associations, \$130.00; Sunday School fund \$12.04; the Sunday School, \$24.84; other sources, \$20.00; total, \$722.38.

Value of Church Property—The land, \$450.00.

Salary of the Rector, \$400.00.

The Church Edifice was burned October, 1886.

Bishop's Address, pages 76-86.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOMER, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1841).

The REV. BELNO A. BROWN, B. D., M. D., Rector. (1884).

Belno A. Brown, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Stephen A. LaDow, Flourette Collins, Wardens.

Baptized—Adults,	-	-	-	6
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	13
Communicants—Last reported, 17; admitted, 3; received, 1; total added,	-	-	-	
14; present number, male, 10; female, 21, total,	-	-	-	31
Marriages,	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 26; week days, 10; total,	-	-	-	36
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 39; children, 15; total	-	-	-	54
Catechising—Number of times	-	-	-	2
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; pupils, male, 8; female, 7;	-	-	-	
total	-	-	-	15

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to April 10)	-	-	-	\$200 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	7 25
For all other expense of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	10 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	42 50
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	\$ 259 75
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	\$ 259 75

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$35.00; subscriptions, \$175.00; individual gifts, \$17.25; other sources, \$42.50; total \$259.75.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000.

Salary of the Rector, \$200.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,200.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; of these, all free.

Bishop's Address, page 90.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, IONIA, IONIA COUNTY. (1842).

James Vosper, Lay Reader and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

James Vosper and A. K. Brittan, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 1; total,	2
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	80
Communicants—Last reported, 86; received, 3; total added, 3; died, 2; removed, 7; total lost, 9; present number, male, 22; female, 58; total,	80
Marriages, 2; burials,	3
Public services—Sundays, 64; holy days, 3; week days, 14; total,	81
Holy Communion—Public,	5
Congregation—Families, 44; adults, 97; children, 61; total,	158
Of these, baptized persons,	80
Catechising—Number of times,	2
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8; pupils, male, 15; female, 47; total,	62
Average attendance,	40
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	50
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	13

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's Salary,	\$1 66 55
For other Salaries,	62 50
For insurance, five years,	37 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	102 68
Visiting Clergymen,	36 75
Paid on indebtedness (amount due at last convention \$350.01),	350 01
For the Sunday School, Christmas tree, etc.,	20 00
By the Sunday School, for Papers and books,	25 54
Balance on hand,	361 87
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$ 1161 59
Assessment of Convention,	56 66
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen,	306
Total for Diocesan Objects,	59 72
Societies for Conversion of Jews,	3 25
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	3 25
Total of Offerings,	\$1,224 56

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$342.45; the envelope system, \$748.81; subscriptions, \$20.00; women's associations, \$289.26; the Sunday School, \$24.54; total, \$1,224.56.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$7,500; Chapel, \$600; total, \$8,100.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$23,74; secured, \$1,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$6,000; other property, \$500; total \$6,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 375; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 89-90.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY. (1837.)

The REV. ROBERT ELLIS JONES, Rector. (1884).

George C. Jenner, Superintendent of Sunday School and Lay Reader.

Henry Brees, Theodore P. Sheldon, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 3; total	-	-	-	-	-	40
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	400
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	39
Communicants—Last reported, 301; admitted, 39; received, 23; total added,	-	-	-	-	-	
67; died, 2; removed, 15; total lost, 17; present number male, 66; female,	-	-	-	-	-	
284; total,	-	-	-	-	-	350
Marriages, 4; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	24
Public Services—Sundays, 98; holy days, 8; week days, 36; total,	-	-	-	-	-	142
Holy Communion—Public, 23; private,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Congregation—Families, 213; adults, 491; children, 212; total,	-	-	-	-	-	703
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	-	500
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 13; total 17;	-	-	-	-	-	
pupils, male, 55; female, 105; total,	-	-	-	-	-	160
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	100
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	37
Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, St. Agnes' Guild, "Willing Hands" Society.	-	-	-	-	-	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 197 40
For the Rector's salary, (paid in full,)	-	-	-	-	-	1 500 00
For others salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	044 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	21 85
For repairs on the Rectory,	-	-	-	-	-	1 210 93
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	-	816 96
The increase and improvement of church property,	-	-	-	-	-	720 56
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last convention, \$15,000),	-	-	-	-	-	6 645 00
For the Sunday School	-	-	-	-	-	144 39
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	-	178 84
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,379 93
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen,	-	-	-	-	-	52 50
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	427 50
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	55 07
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	40 80
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	-	25 71
By the Sunday School for Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	-	47 15
Sufferers by earthquake at Charleston, S. C.,	-	-	-	-	-	86 09
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	254 82
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,062 25

The receipts have been from the Offertory, for fiscal year of Parish, ending April 26, 1887, \$1,234.36; sale of property \$6,500; the envelope system, \$2,935.17; subscriptions, \$232.00; individual gifts, \$391.36 women's associations, \$350; Balance in the Treasury, April, 1, 1886, \$392.96; the Sunday School, \$81.61; Insurance, (Rectory damaged by fire), \$384.79; total, \$13,062.25.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$50,000; Chapel \$1000; Parish House, \$2,500; Rectory, \$4,000; total, \$56,500.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$5,902.27; secured, \$3,401.

Salary of the Rector, \$1,500 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church, Organ, etc., \$16,000; Rectory, \$2,000; Parish House, \$1,500; Chapel, \$700; total, \$20,200.

Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 700; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, pages 82-81.

GRACE CHURCH, LUDINGTON, MASON COUNTY. (1873).

The REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Rector. (1867).

William H. Phillips, Augustus W. Joy, Wardens.

Augustus W. Joy, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total	-	-	-	-	6
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	46
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 38; admitted, 2; received, 3; total added, 5;					
died, 1; total lost, 1; present number, male, 10; female 30; total,	-	-	-	-	40
Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	-	-	3
Public Services—Sundays, 91; holy days, 6; week days, 4; total,	-	-	-	-	101
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	12
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 50; children, 39; total,	-	-	-	-	80
Of these, baptized persons	-	-	-	-	77
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	10
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7; total 8; pupils,					
male, 21; female, 23; total,	-	-	-	-	44
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	35
Number of volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	60
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	14

Names of Parochial Societies—Parish Aid Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$ 154 98
For all other salaries,	-	-	-	-	30 07
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	35 97
For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	34 90
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 255 92
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	9 95
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	1 10
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	16 05
Domestic Missions.	-	-	-	-	3 40
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	3 40
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$ 275 37

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$65.00; the envelope system \$120.98; women's associations, \$67.35; the Sunday School, 22.01; total, \$275.34.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,200; Other Property, \$680; total, \$4,000.

Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 237; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 87.

TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1836).

The Rev J. E. WALTON, Rector. (1879.) (Resigned April, 20, 1887.)

William J. Dibble, Lay Reader.

John H. Montgomery, Sr., James M. Parsons, Jr., Wardens.

L. Edwin Gallup Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 9; adults, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	1)
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	132
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants—Last reported, 152; admitted, 9; total added, 9; died, 2; removed, 6; not found, 21; total lost, 29; present number, male, 25; female, 107; total,	-	-	-	-	132
Marriages, 8; burials,	-	-	-	-	15
Congregation—Families, about 87; adults, about 135; children, about 60; total,	-	-	-	-	204
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 11; total, 13; pupils, male, 40; female, 72; total,	-	-	-	-	112
Average attendance, about	-	-	-	-	108
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	17

Names of Parochial Societies—Girl's Friendly Society, Girl's Missionary Society, St. Andrew's Guild for Boys.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$ 80 57
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to Feb'y 1, 1887),	-	-	-	-	1 200 00
For other Salaries,	-	-	-	-	108 01
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	206 42
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School expenses,	-	-	-	-	20 55
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$1 685 55
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	117 80
Assessment of Convention, (\$53 90)	-	-	-	-	78 90
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy,	-	-	-	-	17 72
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	208 42
General Missions,	-	-	-	-	42 75
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	3 16
Missions for Colored People,	-	-	-	-	5 45
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	-	5 82
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	5 85
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	-	-	15 00
By the Sunday School for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	84 03
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$1,979 00

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$98.44; pew rents, \$1,177.34; the envelope system, \$202.24; women's associations, \$22.23; the Sunday School, \$43.11; total, \$1,633.96.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$12,000; Rectory, \$3,400; total, \$15,400.

Salary of the Rector, \$1,200 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church, \$10,800, including Rectory.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 450; free, 150; rented, 300.

Bishop's Address, page 90.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON, MUSKEGON COUNTY. (1887).

The REV. J. N. RIPPEY, M. D., Rector. (1884).

J. B. Murphy, Lay Reader.

Rev. J. N. Rippey, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

J. B. Murphy, E. G. Rote, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 11; total,	30
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	200
Confirmed during the year,	27
Communicants—Last reported, 109; admitted, 27; received, 26; total added, 53; died, 1; removed, 10; total lost, 11; present number, male, 30; female, 121; total,	151
Marriages, 7; burials,	19
Public services—Sundays, 110; holy days, 29; week days, 95; total,	234
Holy Communion—Public, 54; private,	3
Congregation—Families, 114; adults, 297; children, 219; total,	516
Of these, baptized persons,	382
Catechising—Number of times, (frequently),	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 11; total, 15; pupils, male, 42; female, 89; total,	131
Average attendance,	63
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 30; S. S. Library,	50
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	20

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, St. Agnes' Guild; Young Men's Society, Guild of the Holy Child.

Have held one Missionary service in Charlevoix.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	\$ 25 00
For the Rector's salary, (paid to June 1, 1887),	1 141 93
For other salaries,	310 00
For insurance,	25 00
For the rent of the Rector's House by Ladies' Aid Society,	132 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	252 40
By the Ladies' Society for Sundry purposes,	282 53
By the Ladies' Society (\$800) included in other totals	
The increase and improvement of Church Property,	91 14
Paid on indebtedness (amount due at last convention \$525),	225 10
By St. Agnes' Guild,	30 10
For the Sunday School,	94 94
By the Guild of Holy Child,	5 68
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$2,625 51

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	40 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	80 32
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	5 58
Services for Deaf Mutes,	-	-	-	-	4 07
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	10 00
By the Rector for	-	-	-	-	24 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	191 35
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	15 16
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	7 47
Missions for Colored People,	-	-	-	-	2 72
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	-	3 43
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	2 55
General Clergy Relief Fund,	-	-	-	-	8 23
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	15 40
Parochial Mission Society,	-	-	-	-	8 50
By Women's Auxiliary for "Colored" Work	-	-	-	-	16 07
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	79 63

Total of Offerings, \$2,866 51

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$630.53; the envelope system, \$1,321.04; individual gifts, \$126.00; women's associations, \$74.44; the Sunday School, \$121.81; other sources, \$49.69; total, \$2,862.51.

Value of Church Property—The Church and grounds, \$8,000; Chapel, \$1,000; total, \$9,000.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$300.00

Salary of the Rector, \$1,200 and partial rent of house.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,500; other property, \$800; total \$3,300.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 89-91.

TRINITY CHURCH, NILES, BERRIEN COUNTY. (1834).

The Rev. C. C. TATE, late Rector. (1879).

Worth Landon, Lay Reader.

Lewis H. Beeson Superintendent of the Sunday School.

J. Eastman Johnson, Lewis H. Beeson, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 16; adults, 6; total,	-	-	-	-	22
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Last reported, 226; admitted, 10; total added, 10; died, 5; removed, 5; not found, 10; dropped, 41; total lost, 61; present number, male, 50; female, 115; total,	-	-	-	-	165
Marriages, 10; burials,	-	-	-	-	8
Public Services—Sundays 125; holy days, 10; week days, 75; total,	-	-	-	-	200
Holy Communion—Public, 45; private,	-	-	-	-	2
Congregation—Families, 110; adults, 200; children, 125; total,	-	-	-	-	325
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	25
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 10; total, 15; pupils, male, 35; female 50; total,	-	-	-	-	65
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	65
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	200

Have held Missionary Services in Harbor Springs, Paw Paw, Bertrand.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary, (paid to Rev. C. C. Tate),	-	-	\$885 57
For other salaries, Sexton,	-	-	83 02
For insurance,	-	-	10 73
For all other expenses of parish maintenance,	-	-	121 05
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	279 30
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	52 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$1,771 07
Assessment of the convention,	-	-	5 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	5 00
General Missions,	-	-	20 00
For rebuilding Churches at Charleston, S. C.,	-	-	11 17
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	33 17
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$1,209 84

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$317.55; pew rents, \$576.33; subscriptions, \$89.51; women's associations, \$122.98; other sources, \$106.37; total, \$1,209.84.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$15,000; Rectory, \$1,300; total, \$16,300.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$650, (about); secured, \$1,400.

Insurance—On the Church, \$5,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 350; of these free, about 250; rented, about 100.

The Rev. C. C. Tate resigned April 30th, 1887, and at this date we have no Rector.

Bishop's Address, page 83.

S. MARK'S CHURCH, PAW PAW, VANBUREN COUNTY. (1851.)

General Missionary in charge.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 4; total,	-	-	-	8
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Last reported, 16: admitted, 10; total added, 10; removed	-	-	-	
4; total lost, 4; present number male, 3; present number, female, 22;	-	-	-	
total,	-	-	-	25
Public Services—Sundays, 3; holy days, 2; week days, 4; total,	-	-	-	9
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	4
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 25; children, 20; total	-	-	-	45
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	25
Catechising—Number of times	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, female, 5; pupils, male, 12; female,	-	-	-	
15; total,	-	-	-	27
Subscribers to Church Helper,	-	-	-	9

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society of S. Mark's.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 21 50
Expenses of Clerical visits,	-	-	-	-	-	16 52
Balance in hand	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 43 02
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Domestic Missions	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 46 02

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$28.92; the Sunday School, \$7.00; other sources, \$17.10; total, \$51.02.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,500.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 175; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 85-89.

TRINITY CHURCH, SARANAC, IONIA COUNTY. (1867).

General Missionary in Charge.

William Whitney, James Killmar, Wardens.

Communicants—Last reported, 8; died 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number, female, 4; total,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Holy Communion—Public.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 6; adults and children,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 70
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 70
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	0 83
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	0 83
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2 53

The receipts from the Offertory, \$2.53.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$200.00

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 100; all free.

The Church building has been so seriously damaged by lightning that with the weakness of the Parish it cannot be repaired.

Bishop's Address, page 84.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SAUGATUCK, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1868).

The Rev. M. Morris, Missionary.

M. Morris, Superintendent of Sunday School.

A. B. Taylor, John Priest, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	1
Confirmed during the year,	2
Communicants—Last reported, 25; admitted 1; received, 2; total added, 3; died, 2; removed, 3; total lost, 5; present number, male, 3; female, 28; total,	29
Marriages, 2; burials	2
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 1; total,	53
Holy Communion—Public, 8; private,	2
Congregation—Families, 35; adults, 16; children, 59; total,	66
Catechising—Number of times,	3
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 6; total, 8; pupils, male, 25; female, 35; total,	60
Average attendance,	45
Number of volumes, Parish Library,	175
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	6

Names of Parochial Societies—The Young Folks' Guild, Ladies' Aid.

Have held Missionary Services in S. Mark's, Newaygo, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary,	\$ 75 00
For other salaries,	13 00
For insurance,	18 00
For furnishing Parish room	40 00
For the poor of the Parish,	8 03
By the Sunday School for repairing Church,	10 24
By the Sunday School for papers, service books, etc.,	14 78
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$ 170 04
Diocesan Missions,	10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	5 00
Services for Deaf Mutes,	3 02
For Grace Church, Holland,	1 01
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions	2 00
By the Sunday School for Grace Church, Holland,	1 04
Total for Diocesan Objects,	21 07
General Missions	2 32
Domestic Missions,	
Foreign Missions,	
Missions for Colored People,	
Indian Missions,	
Education for the Ministry,	
Bible and Prayer Book societies,	
Societies for Conversion of Jews,	
American Church Building Fund Com.	
For Charleston sufferers,	
Total for objects exterior to the	

Total of Offerings.

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$43.28; individual gifts, \$58.79; women's associations, \$47.00; the Sunday School, \$30.00; total, \$179.06.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000; Church room furniture, \$40.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church—Whole number of sittings, 250; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 82.

TRINITY CHURCH, THREE RIVERS, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1868).

The REV. A. WETHERBEE in charge.

Communicants—Last reported, 26; admitted, 1; total added, 1; removed, 5; total lost, 5; present number, male, 6; female, 15; total	22
Burials,	1
Public services—Sundays, 2; week days, 1; total,	3
Holy Communion—Public,	2
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 22; children, 8; total,	30
Of these, baptized persons,	20
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 50; S. S. Library,	25
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	6
Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	\$ 3 00
From rent of Church, (on hand)	9 07
Total for Diocesan Objects,	\$ 12 07
Assessment of the Convention, arrears, (\$1 93)	1 93
Total for Diocesan Objects,	1 93
Total of Offerings,	\$ 14 00

The receipts have been—Individual gifts, \$1.00; women's associations, \$8.45; total, \$9.46.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$4,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings 400; all free.

By a recent arrangement, Rev. A. Wetherbee will officiate one Sunday in the Month. The windows have been damaged by a tramp breaking in.

Bishop's Address, pages 84-85.

GRACE CHURCH, TRAVERSE CITY, GRAND TRAVERSE CO. (1873).

The Rev. J. S. LARGE, Rector.

E. L. Sprague, C. E. Lockwood, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Communicants—Last reported, 38; removed, 8; total lost, 8; present number, male, 5; female, 25; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Marriages, 5; burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Public services—Sundays, 26; week days, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 34; children, 36; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, female, 7; pupils, male, 10; female, 25; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 28; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	300
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Names of Parochial Societies—Young Ladies' Guild, Ladies' Association.

Have held Missionary services in Sutton's Bay, once.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary (paid to J. S. Large),	-	-	\$ 420 00
For other salaries,	-	-	45 00
For insurance,	-	-	15 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	10 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$ 490 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	8 50
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	8 50
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$ 498 10

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$141.33; subscriptions, \$171.00; women's associations, \$72.62; other sources, \$106.65; total, \$490.60.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

We usually took up our offerings for Missions, etc., during the season of Advent and Lent. As the Church was closed during both of these seasons, there are no offerings to report.

J. S. LARGE.

Note by the Secretary: The Rev. Mr. Large resigned Grace Church during the early part of the Conventional year.

Bishop's Address, page 85.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, WHITEHALL, MUSKEGON CO. (1870).

The Rev. G. W. S. AYRES, Missionary. (1885).

Arthur W. Veal and Rev. G. W. S. Ayres. Superintendents of the S. S.

Arthur W. Veal, Martin Demass, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants,	7
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	33
Confirmed during the year,	2
Communicants—Last reported, 31; admitted, 3; total added, 3; present number, male, 6; female, 28; total,	34
Marriages,	1
Public services—Sundays,	52
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private,	1
Congregation—Families, 24; adults, 48; children, 25; total,	73
Of these, baptized persons,	68
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 3; total,	5
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	6

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Guild.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary, (paid to June 1, 1887)	\$250 00
For other salaries,	15 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	39 00
By the Sunday School, for papers, leaflets, etc.,	19 80
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$ 323 80
Diocesan Missions,	32 36
Total for Diocesan Objects,	32 36
Foreign Missions,	50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	50
Total of Offerings,	\$356 84

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$61.21; subscriptions, \$250; women's associations, \$25.00; the Sunday School, \$19.80; total, \$356.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,500.00

Salary of the Rector, \$250.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 87.

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REPORTS OF

ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

S. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BALDWIN, LAKE COUNTY. (1879).

The REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD in charge.

Thomas Smurthwaite, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants—Last reported, 6; received, 1; total added, 1; removed, 3;							
total lost, 3; present number female, 4; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Public services—Sundays, by the Bishop, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 21; children, 22; total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Number of volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 3 78
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
For repairs on the Rectory,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 75
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 08
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$53 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$56 50

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$6.78; other sources, \$19.78; total, \$56.56.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$800; Rectory, \$400; Investments, \$25.00; total, \$1,225.

Insurance—On the Church, \$500; Rectory, \$300; other property, \$50; total, \$850.

The Mission organized June 13, 1880. The debt is paid and the rents are held for the benefit of the Mission.

Bishop's Address, page 83.

TRINITY CHURCH, BENTON HARBOR, BERRIEN COUNTY. (1882).

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, D. D., Missionary. (1884).

Alfred Coates, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 4; total	-	-	-	-	7
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	37
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported, 27; admitted, 4; received, 7; total added,	-	-	-	-	
11; removed, 2; not found, 1; total lost, 3; present number male, 5;	-	-	-	-	
female, 30; total,	-	-	-	-	35
Marriages, 3; burials,	-	-	-	-	4
Public Services—Sundays, 75; holy days, 5; week days, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	83
Holy Communion—Public, 11; private,	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 23; adults, 46; children, 10; total,	-	-	-	-	56
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	45
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	5
Number of volumes—Parish Library, 30; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	30
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> .	-	-	-	-	8

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$ 9 00
For the Rector's salary, (paid to May 1st),	-	-	-	-	200 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	10 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	30 50
For interest on Funded debt	-	-	-	-	48 00
The increase and improvement of church property,	-	-	-	-	156 00
For Bishop's traveling expenses,	-	-	-	-	3 00
For music,	-	-	-	-	8 00
For the Sunday School	-	-	-	-	1 50
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 406 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	15 00
General Missions	-	-	-	-	6 21
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	6 21
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$ 487 21

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$78.00; subscriptions, \$200.00; individual gifts, \$140.00; women's associations, \$14.00; total, \$432.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,666.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$600.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 91.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, COOPERSVILLE, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1877).

The Rev. T. J. KNAPP, D.D., in temporary charge.

H. C. Durples, Warden.

Communicants—Last reported, 11; dropped, 4; present number, male, 1; female, 6; total,	-	-	-	-	7
Public Services—Sundays 4; week days, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	5
Holy Communion—Private,	-	-	-	-	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
Expenses of service	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$16 00
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Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 16 00

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$2.18; Subscriptions, \$13.82; total, \$16.00

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$850.

Indebtedness—Floating, \$6.95.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of Sittings, 100; of these free, all.

The Rector of Grand Haven is ready to give week day service.

There have been some repairs on the building.

Bishop's Address, page 87.

CHRIST MISSION, CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. (1887).

General Missionary in charge.

W. P. Brown, Warden and Superintendent of the S. S.

Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	21
Communicants—Present number, male, 8; female, 13; total,	-	-	-	-	21
Public Services—Sundays, 10; week days, 8; total,	-	-	-	-	13
Holy Communion—Public, 4; private,	-	-	-	-	1
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 35; children, 15; total,	-	-	-	-	50
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	7
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	7

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Church Guild.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 6 40
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 6 40
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	15 60
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	15 60
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Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 22 00

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$6.40; other sources, \$15.60; total, \$22.00.

Value of Church Property—The lots, \$850.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$500.00.

Mission organized January 28th, 1887. A class for baptism (adults), ten under instruction and awaiting an opportunity for the sacrament; also two infants; a class for confirmation ready and desirous, twelve with four others considering; Ladies' Church Guild, formed nearly two years since. They have contract for two very eligible lots, \$850, and interest 7 per cent; have paid of this, \$250 and have on hand about \$100 to pay in August the yearly installment of that amount due then.

Bishop's Address, page 88.

S. MATTHIAS' MISSION, EATON RAPIDS, EATON COUNTY. (1876.)

In Charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Last reported, 6; present number.	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	1
Public services—Sundays,	-	-	-	8
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	3

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Expenses of visits	-	-	-	-	\$ 5 50
Domestic Missions.	-	-	-	-	3 11

Total of Offerings, - - - - - \$ 8 61

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$8.61.

The windows have been damaged, and a new furnace is needed.

Bishop's Address, pages 84-88.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE, MONTCALM COUNTY. (1881.)

The General Missionary in charge.

Mrs. S. T. Chandler, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Total,	-	-	-	-	13
Public Services—Sundays, 6; week days, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	8
Holy Communion—Public.	-	-	-	-	4
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total, 5; pupils,	-	-	-	-	
male, 6; female, 13; total,	-	-	-	-	19
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	13
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 26; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	269
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	11

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For expenses of visits,	-	-	-	-	\$ 4 05
By the Sunday School for Chancel Window,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	7 05
Diocesan Missions	-	-	-	-	5 52
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	3 04
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	7 50
By the Sunday School, for aged and infirm clergy,	-	-	-	-	40
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	16 26
General Missions,	-	-	-	-	2 08
Woman's Auxiliary Aid, for Nashotah House, Wis.,	-	-	-	-	6 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions (Lenten mite chests)	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	11 08

Total of Offerings, - - - - - \$35 29

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$12.41; women's associations, \$7.50; the Sunday School, \$6.40; other sources, \$8.98; total, \$35.29.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,800.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, page 90.

S. JOHN'S MISSION, HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY. (1883).

General Missionary in Charge. (1883).

J. M. Burbeck, late Warden.

Miss Mary G. Rollins, Secretary.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 7; died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2; present number,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 8; week days, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Congregation—Families, 11; adults, 18; children, 16; total,	-	-	-	-	-	34
Of these, baptized persons,	-	-	-	-	-	14
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, female, 4; pupils, male, 10; female, 16; total,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	3

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 10 00
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	8 35
By the Sunday School for fuel and lights,	-	-	-	-	-	2 45
Total for Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 70 80
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	5 10
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	5 10
Total of Offerings,						\$ 75 90

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$5.10; subscriptions, \$60.00; the Sunday School, \$2.45; other sources, \$8.35; total, 75.90.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000.

Insurance—On the Church \$2,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

Services were sustained during the summer by Clergymen from abroad. The Mission has sustained a loss in the death of Mr. James M. Burbeck.

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MISSION (UNORGANIZED), LUTHER, LAKE COUNTY.

In charge of General Missionary.

C. D. Barghoorn, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants—Last reported, 4; admitted, 2; total added, 2; removed, 1; total lost, 1; present number, male, 2; female, 3; total,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Public services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 11; children, 17; total,	-	-	-	-	-	28
Of these, baptized persons	-	-	-	-	-	25
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	5

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 3; total 4; pupils,	
male, 14; female, 21; total,	35
Average attendance,	28
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	4

CONTRIBUTIONS.

By the Sunday School for Rent and Easter Expenses,	\$ 18 40
Balance in hand,	2 06
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$ 18 46
Diocesan Missions,	9 56
Total for Diocesan Objects,	9 56
Total of Offerings,	\$ 28 04

The receipts from the Offertory and subscriptions, \$21.14.

S. JOHN'S MISSION, MT. PLEASANT, ISABELLA, COUNTY. (1876).

The REV. J. AUBREY MCGLONE, Missionary. (1884).

Rev. J. A. McGlone, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Wm. N. Brown, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 5; total,	15
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	115
Confirmed during the year,	9
Communicants—Last reported, 91; admitted, 18; received, 9; total added,	
27; removed, 2; dropped, 1; total lost, 3; present number, male, 43;	
female, 72; total,	115
Marriages, 5; burials,	6
Public Services—Sundays, 100; holy days, 4; week days, 77; total,	181
Holy Communion—Public, 20; private,	3
Congregation—Families, 58; adults, 165; children, 50; total,	224
Of these, baptized persons,	275
Catechising—Number of times,	50
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 6; total, 9; pupils,	
male, 30; female, 35; total,	65
Average attendance,	50
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	100
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	20

Names of Parochial societies—Ladies' Guild, Altar and Flower Guild, The Little Gleaners.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms,	\$ 8 50
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to May 12th, \$400),	700 00
For insurance,	84 50
For improvement of Rectory property,	20 40
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	24 82
The increase and improvement of Church property.	30 00
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last convention, \$900),	250 00
For the Sunday School,	10 89
By the Sunday School, for Rectory Fund,	3 00
By the Sunday School for its own maintenance,	25 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$1,107 21

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Assessment of the Convention, arrears (\$5.00),	-	-	-	-	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 36 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	8 83
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	1 80
American Church Building Fund Commission,	-	-	-	-	1 55
Total for Objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	11 74
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$1,154 95

The receipt have been from the Offertory, \$170 00; subscriptions, \$560; individual gifts, \$15.00; women's associations, \$300; the Sunday School, \$28.00; other sources, \$141.95; total, \$1,154.95.

Value of Church property—The Church, \$5,000; Rectory, \$3,000; total, \$8,000.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$750.

Salary of the Rector, \$700 and Rectory.

Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$4,500.

Capacity of the Church building.—Whole number of sittings 100; all free.

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S. PAUL'S MISSION, MANISTEE, MANISTEE COUNTY. (1876).

General Missionary in Charge.

Ellsworth S. Ellis, M. D., Lay Reader.

Thomas Smurthwalte, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Ellsworth S. Ellis, M. D., Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Last reported, 36; admitted, 4; received, 5; total added,	-	-	-	-	
9; died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number, male, 10; female,	-	-	-	-	
31; total,	-	-	-	-	41
Public Services—Sundays, General Missionary,	-	-	-	-	10
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	5
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5; total, 7; pupils,	-	-	-	-	
male, 25; female, 24; total,	-	-	-	-	49
Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 59; S. S. Library,	-	-	-	-	331
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i>	-	-	-	-	21

Names of Parochial Societies—The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Mission.

CONTRIBUTIONS,

Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 07
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to Wm. S. Hayward),	-	-	-	-	143 82
For other salaries,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	2 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	21 06
Expenses of Bishop's Visitation,	-	-	-	-	3 50
The increase of Building Fund,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Association Diocese Western Michigan—Building Fund.	-	-	-	-	15 83
For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	6 05
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	4 37
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	18 48

Total for Parochial objects,	\$ 212 00
Diocesan Missions,	41 81
Assessment of the Convention,	5 00
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, by the Sunday School,	2 50
Total for Diocesan Objects,	48 81
General Missions,	6 26
Foreign Missions, by the Sunday School,	4 00
Missions for Colored people,	2 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	1 60
General Clergy Relief Fund,	2 00
By the Sunday School, for Orphan Home, Charleston, S. C.,	6 94
Missions to Deaf and Dumb,	1 00
General enrollment fund,	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	28 80

Total of offerings, \$ 308 73

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$246.79; individual gifts, \$30.08; the Sunday School, \$31.86; total, \$308.73.

Value of Church Property—The Church lot, \$450.00; Other Property, \$434 03.

Insurance—Other property, \$150.00.

During the conventional year, and until he assumed the charge of S. Luke's Church, Frankfort, Indiana, that is from the 1st of June to the last of October, 1886, and while in charge of Manistee, the undersigned baptized seven infants and one adult; held fifty-one services on Sundays, and two on Holy and other days; celebrated the Holy Communion in public six times, and united one couple in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. Held one service in Bear Lake Township, one in Filer and three in Filer City and five in the County Jail.

W. S. HAYWARD, Late Missionary.

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S. MARK'S MISSION, NEWAYGO, NEWAYGO COUNTY. (1876).

The REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., in temporary charge. (1886.)

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

Baptized—Infants,	2
Communicants—Last reported, 21; present number, male, 8; female, 18;	
total,	21
Public Services—Sundays, 7, week days, 12; total,	19
Holy Communion—Public,	4
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 36; children, 36; total,	70
Sunday School—Teachers and officers male, 2; female, 4; total, 6; pupils,	
male, 10; female, 25; total,	35
Average attendance, about	30
Number of Volumes—S. S. Library,	175
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	6

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Salary, (paid to several different Clergymen),	\$ 75 00
The increase and improvement of church property,	98 78
Paid on indebtedness, interest and principal,	121 45
By the Sunday School, for reading desk, Bishop's chair and	
School papers,	53 00
Total for Parochial objects,	\$ 343 83
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	2 28
Total for Diocesan Objects,	2 28
Domestic Missions.	54

Foreign Missions.	5	47
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		6 01

Total of Offerings, \$352 12

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$27.85; subscriptions, \$35.25; women's associations, \$165.55; from rent of house, \$62.18; the Sunday School, \$53.00; total, \$343.83.

Value of Church Property—The Church and lot, \$2,600.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings 100: all free.

We have had no regular minister, but have had the week day services of Rev. Mr. Coolbaugh and Rev. M. Morris. The Rev. Dr. Fair has now charge of the Mission, taking services and sermon every second Tuesday evening and Holy Communion every second Wednesday morning.

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S. JAMES' CHURCH, PENTWATER, OCEANA COUNTY. (1877.)

The General Missionary in charge.

Geo. Henry Cleveland, M. D., Lay Reader.

Geo. Henry Cleveland, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

J. W. Loomis, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 3; total	4
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	28
Confirmed during the year,	1
Communicants—Last reported, 22; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added,	
2; dropped, 1; total lost, 1; present number male, 6; female, 18; total,	24
Public Services—Sundays, 48; holy days, 1; week days, 7; total,	56
Holy Communion—Public,	7
Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 28; children, 15; total,	43
Of these, baptized persons,	37
Catechising—Number of times,	3
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total, 5; pupils,	
male, 6; female, 22; total,	28
Average attendance,	22
Number of Volumes—Parish Library,	13
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	10

Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies Carpet Society, Alpha Guild, St. James.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For insurance,	\$ 16 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	10 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	80 00
Paid on Indebtedness, (am't due at last convention, \$225)	250 00
By the Sunday School for maintenance,	24 84
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$ 380 84
Diocesan Missions,	15 03
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	2 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	17 03
Domestic Missions,	1 52
Foreign Missions,	81

Education for the Ministry,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	3 28

Total of Offerings, - - - - - \$ 400 70

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$70.00; subscriptions, \$250.00; women's associations, \$40.00; Sunday school, \$24.84; total, \$384.84.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,300.

Insurance—On the Church, \$800.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 75; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 88.

EMMANUEL MISSION, PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY. (1887.)

In charge of General Missionary.

J. H. Boss, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

J. H. K. Burgwin, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 4; total,	-	-	-	-	8
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Last reported, 4; admitted, 10; received, 12; total added,	-	-	-	-	
22; died, 1; total lost, 1; present number, male, 6; female, 19; total,	-	-	-	-	25
Burial,	-	-	-	-	1
Public services (not including lay services)—Sundays, 16; holy days and	-	-	-	-	
week days, 11; total,	-	-	-	-	27
Congregation—Families, (estimated) 20; adults, 50; children, 30; total,	-	-	-	-	80
Catechising—Number of times,	-	-	-	-	2
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 7; total, 11; pupils,	-	-	-	-	
male, 13; female, 30; total,	-	-	-	-	43
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	25
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	7

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For expenses of clerical services	-	-	-	-	\$ 41 35
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	18 06
By the Sunday school, for itself	-	-	-	-	15 82
Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	6.20
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 75 88
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	29 32
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	29 32
General Missions	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$ 106 15

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$60.52; individual gifts \$15.39; the Sunday School, \$15.82; subscriptions, \$20.71; total, \$112.44.

Bishop's Address, page 89-91.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, QUINCY, BRANCH COUNTY. (1882.)

The Rev. HENRY HUGHES in Charge.

H. D. Pessell, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 2; total,	-	-	-	-	3
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	-	-	24

Confirmed during the year,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Last reported, 22; admitted, 2; total added, 2; present	-	-	-	-	
number, male, 2; female, 22; total,	-	-	-	-	24
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	-	-	5
Congregation—Families,	-	-	-	-	20
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 6; total, 7; pupils,	-	-	-	-	
male, 10; female, 21; total,	-	-	-	-	31
Average attendance,	-	-	-	-	24
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	8
Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society.					

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Rector's salary,	-	-	-	-	\$72 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	15 00
For the increase and improvement of Church Property,	-	-	-	-	50 00
For the Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	17 00
By the Sunday School, for Hymnals, etc.,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	28 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 174 00
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	-	-	1 03
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	1 03
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	2 25
Missions for Colored People and Indian Missions.	-	-	-	-	2 32
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	8 57
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$184 50

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$23.00; subscriptions, \$97.00; the Sunday School, \$17.00; other sources, \$65.00; total, \$185.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,200.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,000.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 100; all free.

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S. JAMES' MISSION, ROCKFORD, KENT COUNTY. (1881).

General Missionary, in charge.

D. W. C. Burch, Superintendent of the Sunday School

Geo. T. Saunders, Warden.

Baptized—Infants,	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Last reported, 23; received, 1; total added, 1; died, 1; re-	-	-	-	-	
moved, 6; total lost, 7; present number male, 3; female, 14; total,	-	-	-	-	4
Public services—Sundays,	-	-	-	-	66
Holy Communion—Public, 2; private,	-	-	-	-	1
Subscribers to the <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	-	-	4

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For insurance,	-	-	-	-	\$ 23 75
For use of organ and expenses,	-	-	-	-	10 83

For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	7 90
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	71 53
For the Sunday School	-	-	9 68
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$ 128 69
Diocesan Missions, (arrears),	-	-	7 06
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	7 06
General Missions,	-	-	1 75
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	1 75
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$ 137 50

The receipts have been from the Offertory, and subscriptions, \$85.91; women's associations, 46.91; the Sunday School, \$0.68; other sources, \$4.10; total, \$137.50.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,765.

Indebtedness—Secured, \$425.00.

Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500.

Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 87-90.

GRACE MISSION, STANTON, MONTCALM CO. (1887).

In Charge of the General Missionary.

Fred M. Brown, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 9; adults, 2; total,	-	-	11
Confirmed persons in the Parish,	-	-	20
Confirmed during the year,	-	-	9
Communicants—Last reported, 11; admitted, 7; received, 2; total added,	-	-	
9; present number, male, 8; female, 17; total,	-	-	20
Marriages,	-	-	1
Public Services—Sundays, 19; week days, 12; total,	-	-	31
Holy Communion—Public,	-	-	7
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 27; children, 23; total,	-	-	50
Of these, baptized persons	-	-	38
Subscribers to <i>Church Helper</i> ,	-	-	6

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For all other expense of Parish maintenance,	-	-	\$ 3 50
Balance in hand,	-	-	11 21
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$ 3 50
Diocesan Missions	-	-	21 60
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	21 60
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$ 25 10

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$3.63; other sources, \$21.47; total, \$25.10.

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REPORTS OF VARIOUS MISSIONS BY THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, MENDON, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1867).

The property remains as stated in the last report.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, EVART, OSCEOLA COUNTY. (1876).

The Bishop paid State and county taxes to protect the property, and offered to assume the village taxes provided the lots were deeded to the Association. The trustees Messrs. Dermont and Redmond, "declined to sign the deed, stating that they acted in accordance with the expressed wishes and institutions of the Society." The trustees promised to "reimburse the Bishop, and to attend to present and future taxes," but no funds have been received.

GRACE MISSION, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY. (1877).

The Chapel meeting has been sold and the proceeds paid over to the Association of the Diocese. The furniture has, according to the Canon, been taken in charge by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and is in use in other Missions. One person from the Mission has been confirmed in Hastings.

REED CITY, OSCEOLA COUNTY.

Only one service, given by the Rev. M. S. Woodruff. There are several families here, who are supposed rate as church people, but they show very little disposition to do for themselves what they might.

TUSTIN, OSCEOLA COUNTY.

Communicants—Last reported, 5; removed, 1; present number, male, 3; female, 1; total, 4. Public services—Sundays, 8. Holy Communion, 3. Offerings, Diocesan Missions, \$6.13. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 3.

EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.

Baptized—Infants, 7, (including three baptized in private in the township of Eveline,). Communicants—Last reported, 13; admitted, 1; received, 1; removed, 1; present number male, 3; female, 13; total, (including 2 at Advance and 3 in the Township of Eveline, 16). Public services—Sundays, 3; week days, 3; total, 6. Holy Communion—Public, 1. Offering for Diocesan Missions, \$2.39; for the expenses of the Missionary, \$2.00. A Woman's Church Guild, has for several months maintained, with growing interest, its regular weekly meetings for worship, study and work, and has accumulated a considerable sum towards an organ. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 9.

KALKASKA, KALKASKA COUNTY.

Communicants—Last reported, 11; received, 1; removed, 2; present, number, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9. Sunday services, 2. Holy Communion, 1. Confirmed, 1. Offerings—Diocesan Missions, \$8.35; General Missions, \$2. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 2.

MANTON, WEXFORD COUNTY.

Visited three times by the General Missionary; once in connection with the Bishop, on which occasion three sisters were confirmed and received the Holy Communion. No other service here during the year. At present little can be done in the way of Church work. Only one or two families in town have shown much interest, but two or three others are reported in the vicinity.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

To the Right Rev, Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The following is a tabulated report of my work as General Missionary from May 30, 1886, to May 30, 1887.

PLACES VISITED.	Sunday Services.	Visits or week day services.	HOLY COM- MUNION.		Average number Communing.	BAP- TISMS.		Confirmed.	Burials.	For Diocesan Missions.	Expenses of the Missionary.	Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.	General or For- eign Missions.
			Public.	Private.		Adults.	Children.						
Charlevoix...	8	3	3		17					\$ 15 80			
East Jordan	4	3	1		2		4			2 39	\$2 00		
Eaton Rapids...	4		1		4					3 11			
Eveline...	1						3						
Greenville	4	2	3		13		1			5 32		\$3 04	\$ 2 98
Harbor Springs	4	2	2		9		1			5 10			
Kalkaska...	2		1		6					8 35			2 60
Luther	12		6		18		2			9 56			
Manistee	10		5		18	1	2			31 31	*6 94	6 50	6 20
Manton		3		1	3			3					
Pentwater	10		5		13	2		1		44 99			+ 1 33
Petoskey	10	11	5		14	4	4	10	1	23 32	15 00		1 00
Rockford	8	1	2	1	7					7 06			
Stanton	14		7		18	2	9	9	1	21 60			
Three Rivers	2		1		8						44 15		1 36
Tustin	8		3		3					8 13			
	99	25	45	2		11	28	23	2	\$161 84	28 09	\$5 54	\$14 54

*Sent to Orphan Home, Charleston, S. C.

+Society for the increase of the Ministry.

‡Arrears of Diocesan Assessment.

Total for contributions sent by me to destination, \$210.01.

I have also received from a Churchman at Norwood, \$5.00; from a lady at Greenville, \$5.00, and from a lady at Rockford, (alms at private communion) \$2.00; a part of which was sent to the New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, and the rest used for books and tracts distributed.

Besides the places named in the table, I have visited Evart, Hersey, Sheridan, Trufant, Norwood and Charlotte, and performed one marriage at Stanton.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT.

APPENDIX "D."

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Registrar's Report.

To the 13th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The donations and additions to the Diocesan Library during the past year have been 107 volumes, as follows:

- 1005 ; New Book Fund.
- 1025 ;
- 1026 ;
- 1004 ; Left by the will of the Rev. L. Spaulding.
- 1005—Robert Van Dusen.
- 1006—Bishop B. H. Paddock.
- 1007—The Publishers.
- 1008—Bishop G. D. Gillespie.
- 1009—The Publishers.
- 1100—Mrs. A. G. Young.
- 1101 ; Bishop White Parish Library Association.
- 1102 ;

The list of Journals of other Dioceses is complete from the foundation of the Diocese, save the following:

California,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
East Carolina,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Long Island,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Louisiana,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1885
Maryland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Minnesota,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Ohio,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1882
Oregon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Washington Territory,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1885

For disposal at this office are duplicate journals of the Dioceses, Spirit of Missions, copies of the Churchman, Living Church, Church Journal, Our Dioceses, Church Year Book, Pastoral Letter, House of Bishops, '74-'77, General Convention Proceedings, (Churchman Edition), Princeton Review, and American Church Review. No charge except for postage.

REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE. (1886-87.)

May 26—Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 10
July 16—From T. P. Sheldon, Treas.	-	-	-	-	-	10 60
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$11 10

REGISTRAR'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

July 16—Paid postage,	-	-	-	-	\$ 0 50
July 16—Paid printing 50 P. Cards,	-	-	-	-	0 50
1887—January 5—Paid binding Church Helper for Library,	-	-	-	-	1 00
January 5—Paid insurance on Schetky Books,	-	-	-	-	2 25
April 19—Express on copies of Living Church for the Library,	-	-	-	-	0 60
May 24.—Paid drayage on books sent to bindery,	-	-	-	-	0 10
May 24—Three hundred labels to put in books	-	-	-	-	1 50
June 7.—Cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	4 65
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$ 11 10

Report of Woman's Auxiliary for 1886-7.

To the Right Reverend, the Bishop and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, reports from the year from June 1st, 1886, to June 1st, 1887, forty-one boxes and parcels, with their estimated value, and cash disbursed by twelve Parishes and one Mission as follows:

Ionia, St. John's—"Little Gleaners," Christmas gifts to Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota,	-	-	-	-	\$ 7 57
St. John's, "Little Gleaners," Nashotah House, Wis., comfortable,	-	-	-	-	3 00
" " Woman's Auxiliary, " " sheets and pillow cases,	-	-	-	-	7 25
St. John's, " " Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	4 50
Niles, Trinity—" " " "	-	-	-	-	48 85
" " " Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota,	-	-	-	-	12 65
Muskegon, St. Paul's—Table linen to Nashotah House,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" " " Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	14 03
" " " Individual Gifts sent to Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	14 20
" " " To Gordonsville, Va., Colored School,	-	-	-	-	1 25
Allegan, Good Shepherd—Table cloth to Nashotah,	-	-	-	-	3 00
" " " Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	15 50
" " " Christmas gifts, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota,	-	-	-	-	14 94
Grand Rapids—St. Mark's "Industrial Band," Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	6 75
" " " " Altar Cloths, Brandon, Conn.,	-	-	-	-	25 00
St. Mark's "Industrial Band," Napkins for Altar use, Diocese,	-	-	-	-	3 00
" " " " Fancy articles, Tombstone, Arizona,	-	-	-	-	7 00
" " Mrs. Graham's S. S. class, Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	-	-	25 03
" " "Busy Bees,"	-	-	-	-	2 80
" " Woman's Miss. Association, table linen, Nashotah,	-	-	-	-	9 40
" " " Domestic Mission, Maryland,	-	-	-	-	95 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas' Industrial School—Gordonsville, Virginia,	-	-	-	-	3 75
" " " Woman's Auxiliary Diocesan Missionaries,	-	-	-	-	16 45
Marshall, Trinity—"Girl's Missionary So.," Crib Quilt, Diocesan Miss.,	-	-	-	-	2 00
" " " Colored School at the South,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" " Missionary So., sheets and pillow cases, Nashotah,	-	-	-	-	10 00

Big Rapids, St. Andrew's—Towels to Nashotah,	-	-	3 70
" " " " Fruit to Miss Woodruff, Africa,	-	-	12 30
Coldwater, St. Mark's—Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	20 00
" " " " Table linen to Nashotah,	-	-	7 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's, "Willing Hands"—Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	31 50
" " " " Parish Aid,	-	-	29 50
Greenville, St. Paul's—Table linen and towels to Nashotah,	-	-	7 00
Hastings, Emmanuel—Domestic Missions,	-	-	10 50
" " " " Diocesan " "	-	-	25 24
Total value of boxes and parcels,			\$ 535 32

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

Hastings Emmanuel to poor in the Parish,	-	-	\$ 52 03
" " " S. S. for Bp. Gillespie Scholarship Wom. Auxiliary	-	-	6 00
" " " " for Little Cbt, St. Mary's Orphanage, China,	-	-	5 00
" " " Individual Gift Hospital, Tokio,	-	-	3 00
" " " Mite Chests savings for teacher Colored School,	-	-	4 50
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's to Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	12 03
Ionia, St. John's, "Daughters of the Covenant," Bp. Gillespie Sch'hlp,	-	-	5 00
" " " " " " " " Gordonsville, Va.,	-	-	1 75
" " " Woman's Auxiliary Mite Chest Savings,	-	-	3 00
Battle Creek, St Thomas' S. S. through Woman's Auxiliary for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	5 20
Battle Creek, St. Thomas' Woman's Auxiliary for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	14 65
Trinity, Marshall, Mite Chests' Savings	-	-	5 03
" " " S. S. for Bp. Gillespie Sch'hship through Wom. Aux.	-	-	10 03
Muskegon, St. Paul's for Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	5 00
" " " Mite Chest Savings,	-	-	16 00
Grand Haven, St. John's, " " " " "	-	-	7 24
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's, "Industrial Band," Epiphany Offering,	-	-	15 00
" " " " " " Miss Riddick's salary,	-	-	5 00
Tokio, " " " " "	-	-	5 00
St. Mark's "Industrial Band," for Enrollment Fund,	-	-	10 00
" " " S. S. through W. Aux. for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	20 00
" " " Woman's Miss'ry Ass'n, Mite Chest Savings,	-	-	5 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's, "Willing Hands," Teacher Colored School,	-	-	5 00
" " " Individual Gift, "Little Cot," St. Mary's Orphanage, China,	-	-	5 00
Niles, Trinity, Mrs. Josslyn's S. S. Class Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	-	5 00
Hastings, Emmanuel, Enrollment Fund,	-	-	7 50
Greenville, St. Paul's to Diocesan Missionary	-	-	1 00
" " " Mite Chest Saving,	-	-	\$ 535 31
Value of boxes	-	-	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	\$ 50 20
Domestic Missions,	-	-	70 09
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	39 15
For the Poor,	-	-	52 00
Enrollment Fund,	-	-	10 00
Total,	-	-	\$ 230 44
Total Cash and Boxes.	-	-	\$ 774 76

RECEIVED FOR SECRETARY'S EXPENSES.

From Diocesan Board of Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Greenville, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas',	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Big Rapids, St. Andrews',	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Muskegon, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Marshall, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Hastings, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$17 00

JULIA M. HADLEY,

Secretary.

Report of S. Mark's Home and Hospital.

St. Mark's Home and Hospital has just entered upon the fifteenth year of its existence. It is an institution broad in its charities dispensed, discriminating neither in sect or color, but as a branch of Church work dependant upon every member of the Diocese for the continuance of its prosperity and success. During the past year there have been admitted into the Home 229 persons. Of this number 261 have been dismissed, leaving the present number 28. These have represented various classes and conditions of mankind; how many a wearied heart and broken fame have here found sympathy, tender care and protection, these figures well attest, and less than 15 per cent. of all beneficiaries have been those of our own church. Number of deaths that have occurred during the year, 12; births, 1. Amount received from all sources for the same time, \$3,104.80; disbursements, \$1,675.70; deducting from this sum \$1,070, paid on mortgage and interest, the balance shows for running expenses. Our work has always been of faith, never having had a bequest. We have always found willing supporters and kind friends and with grateful satisfaction may we not add, own our present location and are free from debt. At the close of the fourteenth year of this growing institution relief has been given to more than twenty-five hundred persons. Very much is being accomplished in this truly philanthropic work, our limited resources and facilities are entirely inadequate to present needs. When its benefits are more generally extended through the Diocese, and its doors are known to be open to all within its boundaries, may we not hope it will be largely aided in its established purpose, and each Parish recognize a claim that shall be met with responsive and substantial encouragement, that will broaden our charities and we be the better enabled to subserve all worthy applicants.

MRS. B. K. PIERCE,

Secretary.

Report of the General Missionary to Deaf Mutes.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

During the year just closed, I held services for deaf mutes at St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. On account of the absence of the Rector, I postponed an appointment for Allegan. The services held at St. Paul's Church, and the Deaf Mute School at Flint have some relation to this Diocese; for nearly one half of the pupils in attendance and over one half of those confirmed by Bishop Harris, June 1st, are residents of Western Michigan. During the coming year, I hope to visit Coldwater and other points than those named above.

The congregations have been large and encouraging. As the deaf mutes are much scattered they come farther than any other people to enjoy religious privileges. Of those coming to St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, several live in Muskegon, Hastings, Coopersville and other places.

I baptized three persons, two adult deaf mutes, and an infant child of deaf mute parents, at St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. At the last visitation of that Parish, on St. Mark's Day, three deaf mutes received the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation at your hands, so that the number of silent communicants in the Diocese is 35. As in past years, I have worked in other Dioceses besides this, visiting my Missions at the large centres as often as possible. My record of baptisms for the year shows 59 names; and of confirmations, 35. Of communicants there are 313, scattered all over fourteen Dioceses. Baptisms during twelve years past, 388.

The field is too large for me to work alone. Assistants are needed. I am the only clergyman ministering to this people west of the Alleghanies. I travel almost constantly, spending but eight or nine Sundays at home in a year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Bishop White, and the New York Prayer Book Societies, have generously furnished the Western Mission with Prayer Books, which have been put where they are doing good.

The brethren of the clergy who have kindly furthered my efforts to reach a scattered people by giving the notices, and making inquiries for them, have my hearty thanks.

The railroad authorities have frequently aided this work by placing passes in my hands. They have realized the unique character of this Mission. Of late, however, owing to an interpretation of the inter-state law, or other reasons, these helpful things have been withdrawn in a number of instances. As I travel more than ordinary ministers, and labor among a people of moderate means, it is to be hoped that they can be placed in my hands again.

RECEIPTS.

Stipend,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 50 00
Deaf Mute Services,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 31
From St. Mark's Church toward expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 03
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$74 31

A. W. MANN, Missionary.

Report of Absent Clergy.

DECATUR, June 14th, 1887.

Right Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie:

DEAR SIR:—The Rev. D. Barker regrets that his increasing years and infirmities have debarred him from performing any official acts, or taking part in the public worship of the Church the past year. Evening Prayer has been said in private by the members of the Church in Decatur the past six months. Most of these members are aged and infirm. Rev. Mr. Tate has visited us once.

Respectfully,

D. BARKER.

(Per daughter.)

KALAMAZOO, June 8th, 1887.

Right Reverend and Dear Bishop:

During the year I have held two services in Eaton Rapids, two in Paw Paw, and assisted twice in St. Luke's Kalamazoo.

ARTEMAS WETHERBEE.

HASTINGS, June 14th, 1887.

Right Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

MY DEAR BISHOP:—After discontinuing services in Grace Church, Traverse City, in December last, I held service and preached on four Sundays for the Congregationalists of that place, having large Congregations, and using the Episcopal Liturgy or leaflets. In the midst of Lent I came here to supply the vacancy made by the removal of the rector, and have continued to officiate regularly since, with the exception of Trinity Sunday, when I was at Traverse City, where I held service in Grace Church, and preached to a large congregation; and administered the Communion to sixteen. My other official acts are embraced in the reports from Grace Church, Traverse City, and Emmanuel, Hastings.

Yours very truly,

JOS. S. LARGE.

Lay Readers' Reports.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IONIA.

Mr. James Vosper:—

"Under my commission as Lay Reader, services were begun on Sunday, July 4th, '86, and have been maintained uninterruptedly, once each Sunday

since. During Lent, two services were given each Sunday, and one week evening service.

When I have been absent, and once when sick, Mr. A. K. Brittain, our junior warden has read the services in my place. I think the attendance at our Lay services, has averaged 45; and week evenings, through Lent, about 21.

To Summarize: Mr. Brittain read Sundays, 13; I read service, Sundrys, 30; I read service, week evenings, 6. Twice during Lent, Mr. Brittain assisted me in morning service, myself reading the two lessons and sermon, and Mr. Brittain reading the balance of service.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, MANISTEE.

E. S. Ellis, M. D.:—

In accordance with instructions I herewith render a report of my work as a Lay Reader. I read the service first, Sunday, February 6, and have read Morning Prayer every succeeding Sunday to date, with the exception of February 27, when Rev. J. W. Bancroft, the General Missionary, officiated, a total of nine services. The services during this time have been fairly well attended, and increased interest is manifested among our people.

At a meeting held Easter Monday, the Secretary of the Mission was instructed to request of you my re-appointment as Lay Reader.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON.

Mr. James B. Murphy:—

"Would respectfully submit the following as a record of my services as Lay Reader of St. Paul's Church, City of Muskegon, past year: Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon, three times. Evening Prayer and Sermon, two times; Morning Prayer and Litany, two times; assisted Rector by reading lessons, nineteen times.

TRINITY CHURCH, NILES.

Mr. Worth Landon:—

"I have the honor to submit the following report of services rendered by me under my license as Lay Reader, granted the 3d of September, 1886.

I read Morning Prayer and Litany in Trinity Church, Niles, October 10th, 17th and 24th, 1886, during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. C. C. Tate, at the General Convention.

I read Morning Prayer and Litany in Trinity Church, Niles, May 1st and 8th, 1887, Trinity Parish being without a Rector.

I further make application and request that my license to conduct the services of the Church, in Trinity Parish, Niles, may be renewed.

ST. JAMES' MISSION, ROCKFORD.

Mr. C. A. Stevenson:—

From May 2d, to January 2d, 1887, I have held fifty-two services in this Mission.

GRACE MISSION, STANTON.

Mr. Fred M. Brown:—

"During Lent we held services on each Wednesday and Friday evenings and though our numbers were few, yet we were blessed."

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference.

The meetings have been held at Grand Haven and Marshall; the former in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary. It is deemed advisable in future to separate these meetings as to time and place.

For the proceedings of the meetings, reference is made to the Bishop's Address (p 78) and especially to the "Church Helper."

There has been paid from the Bishop's Trust Fund, for the traveling expenses of the Clergy, \$55. The offerings have been devoted chiefly to the same purpose.

G. W. S. AYRES,

Late Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—PROPERTY.

PARISHES.	Value of Church.	Value of Rectory.	Value of other Property.	Insurance Carried.	Secured Indebtedness.	Floating Indebtedness.	Church Sittings Free.	Church Sittings Rented.	Rectory's Salary.	Property now held: The Vestry, Trustees of the Association.
Albion, S. James	\$ 5,000			\$ 3,500	\$ 800		200		\$ 420	Vestry.
Allegan, Good Shepherd	6,000	\$ 1,500	\$1,325	5,000	750	50	250			Vestry.
Battle Creek, S. Thomas	24,200	1,800		7,000			500		*1000	Vestry.
Big Rapids, S. Andrews	3,000	1,500	800	3,050	400	250	200			4750 Vestry.
Coldwater, S. Mark's	14,500			7,500			400			*1000 Vestry.
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	5,254		690	3,500	730.41		200			1000 Ass'n c'n
Grand Haven, S. John's	6,000	1,500		3,700	700	381	50	200		*1000 Vestry.
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	65,000	12,000	10,000	29,500	6,000	1,850	400	800		*3000 Vestry.
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	4,000			2,000			250			600 Vestry.
Grand Rapids, Grace	10,000	2,280		3,500	1,040	200	250			*1100 Vestry.
Grand Rapids, Trinity	6,000			2,000			300			1000 Ass'n c'n
Hastings, Emmanuel	2,500		550.73	1,200			160			Vestry.
Holland, Grace			450							400 Ass'n c'n
Homer, Christ's	2,000			1,200			150			200 Vestry.
Ionia, S. John's	8,100			6,500	1,000	233.74	375			Vestry.
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	50,000	6,000	3,500	20,200	3,400	5,902.27	700			*1500 Vestry.
Ludington, Grace	3,300		800				250			Vestry.
Marshall, Trinity	12,000	3,400		10,800			150			*1200 Vestry.
Muskegon, S. Paul's	8,000		1,000	3,300		300	250	300		*1200 Vestry.
Niles, Trinity	15,000	1,300		2,000	1,400	650	350	100		Vestry.
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	2,500		2,000				175			Vestry.
Saranac, Trinity	200						100			Vestry.
Saugatuck, All Saints	3,000		40	2,000			250			Vestry.
Three Rivers, Trinity	4,000			2,000			400			Vestry.
Traverse City, Grace	2,000			1,500			150			Vestry.
Union City, Grace										Vestry.
Whitehall, Redeemer	2,500			2,000			150			250 Vestry.
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
Baldwin, S. Matthew's	800	400	25	850			90			Ass'n c'n
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity	2,666			1,000			200			Trust's
Charlevoix, Christ's			850		500					Ass'n c'n
Coopersville, Epiphany	650					6.95	100			Ass'n c'n
Ewart, S. John's										Trust's
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias										Ass'n c'n
Greenville, S. Paul's	1,800			1,500			250			Ass'n c'n
Harbor Springs, S. John's	3,000			2,000			150			Ass'n c'n
Charlotte, Grace										Ass'n c'n
Manistee, S. Paul's			884	150						Ass'n c'n
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	5,000	3,000			750				*700	Ass'n c'n
Newaygo, S. Mark's	2,600				500		100			Trust's
Pentwater, S. James	1,300			800			75			Trust's
Quincy, S. John's	1,200			1,000			100			Ass'n c'n
Rockford, S. James	1,765			1,500		425	150			Ass'n c'n
Tustin, S. John's										Trust's
Mendon			400	400						
	\$283,835	\$34,660	\$28,114.73	\$132,150	\$17,970.41	\$10,257.96	7825	1400		

*Rectory. †One-half rent of house. ‡Pays \$100 rent on rectory.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—MEMBERSHIP.

PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			COMMUNICANTS.										SUNDAY SCHOOL.								
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Confirmed.	Lost.	Present No.			Total.	Marriages.	Burials.	Families.	Total Confirmed in Parish.	Total Individuals.	Of these Baptized.	Teachers.		Pupils.				
						Added.	Male.	Female.								Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.		
Albion, S. James'.....	1	9	10	18	1	18	17	61	78	1	1	1	30	78	140	120	3	1	4	11	30	41
Alleghen, Good Shepherd.....	3	4	7	4	7	6	29	64	93	1	1	1	57	93	250	290	5	1	9	4	45	85
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.....	5	2	7	19	12	24	28	136	164	4	4	4	100	164	350	250	2	11	13	75
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	10	11	21	21	16	27	16	71	87	5	5	5	55	91	186	173	2	12	14	44	50	94
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	25	13	38	23	11	29	41	115	156	5	8	8	80	156	313	250	2	9	11	38	79	117
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	13	3	16	1	3	12	12	41	53	3	6	37	59	117	96	4	5	9	55	35	90	
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	10	7	17	11	3	12	32	69	101	7	1	1	52	104	195	197	3	11	14	40	69	99
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	35	8	46	22	16	61	200	348	548	14	38	390	548	1800	1764	11	25	36	153	198	351	
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	8	...	8	15	7	17	6	71	87	8	6	6	73	87	203	150	4	16	14	35	51	86
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	16	8	24	19	20	50	40	144	184	4	5	12	184	184	410	300	5	12	17	55	68	123
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	7	...	7	17	17	40	144	184	184	4	5	12	184	184	410	300	4	8	12	35	41	76
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	16	6	22	16	15	15	19	39	48	5	9	40	60	166	100	4	8	12	35	41	76	
Holland, Grace.....	8	2	10	8	8	17	6	34	41	2	4	33	41	123	110	1	5	6	12	23	35	
Homer, Christ's.....	9	6	15	6	13	14	10	21	31	1	1	1	16	31	64	45	1	5	6	12	23	35
Ionia, S. John's.....	1	1	2	...	9	3	22	58	80	2	3	44	80	158	123	3	5	8	15	47	62	69
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	19	3	22	39	17	67	66	284	350	4	24	213	400	703	600	4	13	17	55	105	160	
Ledlington, Grace.....	5	1	6	1	1	5	10	30	40	3	3	22	46	89	77	1	2	8	21	23	44	50
Marshall, Trinity.....	9	10	19	9	29	9	25	107	132	8	15	87	132	294	290	2	11	13	40	73	113	
Marshall, Trinity.....	19	11	30	27	11	43	30	121	151	7	19	114	200	516	382	4	11	15	42	69	131	
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	16	6	22	10	61	10	60	115	165	10	8	110	165	325	300	5	10	15	35	60	85	
Niles, Trinity.....	3	5	8	10	4	10	3	22	25	1	1	13	25	45	35	...	5	3	12	15	27	
Par Paw, S. Mark's.....	1	...	1	4	4	4	...	4	4	...	...	6	4	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saranac, Trinity.....	1	...	1	4	4	4	...	4	4	...	...	6	4	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saugatuck, All Saints'.....	1	...	1	2	5	3	3	26	29	2	2	35	29	66	60	2	6	8	25	35	67	
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	1	...	1	5	1	6	16	22	23	1	1	15	24	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
Traverse City, Grace.....	1	...	1	8	8	1	8	15	20	5	2	30	30	76	...	...	7	7	10	26	35
Union City, Grace.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	26	54	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	7	...	7	3	...	3	6	28	34	1	1	24	33	73	68	2	3	5	...	...	...

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

* Estimated by Secretary.
† Includes 6 reported by Bishop.
‡ Last year's report.
§ Includes 30 in unreported Missions.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.					WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.					TOTALS.		TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.		
	DIOCESAN.					Domestic and Gen'l Missions.	Foreign and Gen-eral Missions.	Home Missions to Colored People.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of the Diocese.	Total from all Associations of Women.		Total from Sunday Schools.	
	Dioceean	Dioceean Assessment	Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Objects	Total for Diocesan Objects.										
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Albion, S. James'.	830 00	10 00	38 25	4 50	166 75	8 20	13 92	20 50	40 42	300 00	43 43	843 20			
Alleghen, Good Shepherd.	1,935 00	124 00	96 23	829 60	228 83	33 91	7 71	12 55	46 46	88 91	55 70	2,182 17			
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.	1,570 73	100 00	54 71	2 66	112 37	6 83	7 71	4 19	18 73	258 71	62 62	1,843 02			
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.	1,243 72	55 00	59 78	9 28	149 47	15 00	6 83	23 68	58 21	475 00	145 00	1,374 82			
Coldwater, S. Mark's.	1,844 07	53 00	54 78	7 00	93 07	15 00	16 75	3 84	188 75	1,209 23	1,477 56				
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.	1,392 99	36 00	51 07	7 00	6 00	50 00	9 50	69 94	189 84	1329 18	592 70	15,601 10			
Grand Haven, S. John's.	1,149 73	700 00	311 50	86 48	1,362 98	122 00	6 00	2 00	2 20	329 88	249 75				
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.	14,048 18	10 00	75 40	5 01	19 76	6 00	8 00	5 00	25 00	102 50	102 25				
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.	672 41	10 00	71 57	4 00	121 57	4 00	4 00	3 68	8 00	90 00	90 00				
Grand Rapids, Grace.	1,398 78	60 00	71 57	4 00	121 57	4 00	4 00	3 68	8 00	90 00	90 00				
Grand Rapids, Trinity.	1,217 00	10 00	63 00	2 26	98 30	36 82	2 13	1 38	21 50	322 78	74 87				
Hastings, Emmanuel.	1,802 93	63 00	80 13	2 26	185 69	36 82	2 13	1 38	21 50	322 78	74 87				
Hoiland, Grace.	466 87	49 83	259 75	1 21	51 04	59 72	56 66	75 00	300 00	24 54	1,234 56				
Homer, Christ's.	259 75	49 83	259 75	1 21	51 04	59 72	56 66	75 00	300 00	24 54	1,234 56				
Homer, S. John's.	1,161 59	300 00	75 00	52 59	427 50	16 06	3 40	111 90	254 82	350 60	275 37				
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.	12,379 94	5 00	9 95	1 10	16 05	3 40	3 40	67 35	34 00	67 35	34 00				
Ladysburg, Grace.	255 92	5 00	9 95	1 10	16 05	3 40	3 40	67 35	34 00	67 35	34 00				
Marshall, Trinity.	1,685 56	117 80	73 80	17 72	269 42	28 38	32 03	5 45	16 67	84 08	22 33				
Muskegon, S. Paul's.	2,625 51	101 40	87 82	5 56	4 07	5 00	22 06	1 00	11 17	33 17	122 88				
Niles, Trinity.	1,171 67	43 02	1 00	43 02	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Paw Paw, S. Mary's.	43 02	1 00	83 83	1 70	83 83	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Saranac, Trinity.	1 70	15 00	5 00	5 97	25 97	6 87	4 49	70 69	17 30	47 00	30 00				
Sauganuck, All Saint's.	79 06	12 07	1 93	5 97	25 97	6 87	4 49	70 69	17 30	47 00	30 00				
Three Rivers, Trinity.	12 07	8 50	1 93	5 97	25 97	6 87	4 49	70 69	17 30	47 00	30 00				
Traverse City, Grace.	490 60	32 36	323 89	32 36	32 36	59	59	59	59	59	59				
Union City, Grace.	323 89	32 36	323 89	32 36	32 36	59	59	59	59	59	59				
Whitehall, Redeemer.	323 89	32 36	323 89	32 36	32 36	59	59	59	59	59	59				
												316 84			

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—CONTRIBUTIONS. (Continued.)

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew s.....	\$ 53 56	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 07	\$ 6 21	\$ 48 00	\$ 66 76
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.....	456 00	15 00	15 00			487 21
Charlevoix, Christ's.....	6 40	15 60	15 60			22 10
Coopersville, Epiphany.....	16 00					16 00
*Ewart, S. John's.....						
Fenton Rapids, S. Matthias.....	5 50	3 11	3 11			8 61
Greenville, S. Paul's.....	7 05	12 82	16 26	4 49	7 50	35 29
Harbor Springs, S. John's.....	70 80	5 10	5 10			75 90
*Charlotte, Grace.....						
Mauntee, S. Paul's.....	212 69	41 31	48 81	3 13	16 54	308 73
Mc Pleasant, S. John's.....	1,107 21	35 00	36 00	8 89	2 85	1,164 93
Newaygo, S. Mark's.....	343 83		2 28	54	6 01	353 12
Pontwater, S. James.....	380 34	15 03	17 03	1 62	1 00	400 70
Quincy, S. John's.....	174 00		1 93	3 06	7 57	184 50
Rockford, S. James.....	123 69	7 06	7 06	1 75	1 75	137 50
Santon, Grace.....	3 50	21 60	21 60			25 10
Potoskey, Emmanuel.....	73 83	29 32	29 32	1 00		112 44
Tustin, S. John's.....		8 13	8 13			8 13

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

East Jordan.....		2 39	4 39			4 39
Kalkaska.....		8 35	8 35			10 35
Lehter.....	18 44	9 56	9 56			28 25
From Missions.....	\$3,060 86	\$222 38	\$262 53	\$ 32 53	\$ 17 15	\$3,128 52
From Parishes.....	50,673 64	1,859 60	3,448 10	377 78	166 24	52,234 38
Total.....	\$53,734 50	\$2,061 98	\$3,700 63	\$410 31	\$183 39	\$55,363 10

No Report.

REPORT OF SALARIES, CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER ITEMS OF PARISH EXPENDITURE.

PARISHES.	Communion Alms not otherwise reported.	Salaries and Cur- rent Expenses.	Increase of Church Property.	Reduction of In- debtedness.	Sunday Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Albion, S. James'		\$ 590 00	\$ 800 00				\$ 800 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd,	\$ 15 00	788 91			\$ 40 00		943 91
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	14 71	1,547 67			123 06		1,585 44
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's		882 89			62 62	\$ 226 11	1,241 72
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	32 07	1,582 00	115 03	\$ 122 10	105 03		1,841 67
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,		1,102 27	65 03	101 97		123 75	1,392 92
Grand Haven, S. John's		836 70	313 03				1,149 73
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	385 02	5,384 35	157 25	7,000 00	232 70	6,043 67	14,048 18
Grand Rapids, Grace,		1,245 89					1,245 89
Grand Rapids, Trinity,	27 03	1,150 00			40 00		1,217 03
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's		505 97			66 44		572 41
Hastings, Emmanuel,		963 00	21 43		28 5		1,012 93
Holland, Grace,		452 62			14 25		466 87
Homer, Christ's		217 25	42 50				259 75
Ionia, S. John's,		408 17			44 54	391 87	1,161 50
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	197 40	3,282 81	730 56	6,645 00	144 39	1,389 77	12,379 93
Ludington, Grace,		221 02			34 90		255 92
Marshall, Trinity,	30 57	1,634 43			20 55		1,685 55
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	25 60	1,862 33	91 14	225 10	94 94	327 31	2,625 51
Niles, Trinity,		900 37	219 30	52 03			1,171 67
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,		38 02				5 03	43 02
Saranac, Trinity,	1 70						1 70
Saugatuck, All Saints,		154 03			25 02		179 05
Three Rivers, Trinity,	3 00	9 07					12 07
Traverse City, Trinity,		490 60					490 60
Whitehall, Redemer,		304 00			19 80		323 80
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.							
Baldwin, S. Matthew's,	3 78	17 00	3 75			29 03	51 56
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity,	9 00	248 50	156 00		1 50	11 00	466 00
Coopersville, Epiphany,		16 00					16 00
Charlevoix, Christ's,	6 40						6 40
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias'		5 50					5 50
Greenville, S. Paul's,		4 05			3 00		7 05
Harbor Spring's, S. Sohn's,		10 00		50 00	10 80		70 80
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	8 50	759 32	50 50	250 00	38 89		1,107 21
Manistee, S. Paul's,	1 07	175 37	10 00		10 42	15 83	212 69
Newaygo, S. Mark's,		75 60	93 78	121 45	53 00		343 83
Pentwater, S. James'		26 03	80 00	250 00	24 34		380 34
Petoskey, Emmanuel,		60 01			15 82	6 29	75 83
Quincy, S. John's,		87 00	50 00		37 00		174 00
Rockford, S. James'		47 48		71 53	9 68		128 69
Stanton, Grace,		3 50				11 21	14 71
Tustin, S. John's,							
Luther, (unorganized)		18 48				2 06	21 14
From Parishes,	\$712 16	\$26,272 37	\$2,045 21	\$14,496 21	\$1,356 80	\$8,517 48	\$48,143 18
From Missions,	28 75	1,503 81	443 53	742 98	204 45	76 02	3,073 53
Total,	\$740 91	\$27,865 18	\$2,488 74	\$15,239 19	\$1,560 25	\$8,593 50	\$51,216 71

STATISTICS

OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 31, 1887.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—

Bishop,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Priests (not having cure 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Deacons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Postulants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lay Readers Licensed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Churches Consecrated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Number of Parishes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Organized Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Unorganized Missions or places where services are held,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Churches and Chapels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	46

BAPTISMS—

Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	135
Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	192
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	327
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	119
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	191
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	338
No. of Baptized Persons (partly estimated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,187
No. of Confirmed Persons (reported and estimated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,480
No. of Families (reported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,917
No. of Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,855
No. of Individuals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,745
Sunday School Teachers and Officers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	321
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,440

VALUE OF PROPERTY—

Churches and Chapels,	-	-	-	-	-	\$283,835 00
Rectories,	-	-	-	-	-	34,000 00
Other Property,	-	-	-	-	-	28,114 73

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES—

Communion Alms (not otherwise reported)	-	\$ 740 91
Salaries and Current Expenses,	-	27,865 18
Increase of Church Property,	-	2,488 74

Reduction of Indebtedness,	-	-	-	15,289 19
Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	1,560 25
Other Objects,	-	-	-	8,568 50
Total Parochial,				\$51,316 73
FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—				
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	\$2,061 48
Diocesan Assessment,	-	-	-	1,042 43
Aged and Infirm Clergy,	-	-	-	188 05
Other Objects,	-	-	-	358 17
Total Diocesan,				\$3,700 12
FOR OBJECTS WITHOUT THE DIOCESE—				
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	\$410 31
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	183 30
Missions to Colored People,	-	-	-	38 10
Missions to the Jews,	-	-	-	61 19
General Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	-	-	-	10 23
Church Building Fund Commission,	-	-	-	2 58
Nashotah,	-	-	-	13 50
Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,	-	-	-	28 64
Society for Increase of the Ministry,	-	-	-	2 75
Various Objects,	-	-	-	243 79
Total Extra Diocesan,				\$1,015 11
For all Purposes, total,				\$55,288 16
Of which by Woman's Associations,	-	-	-	\$5,511 44
Of which by Sunday School,	-	-	-	1,757 60

Amendments of Canons.

The following amendments to the Constitution and Canons have been adopted and thereby become a part of the law of the Diocese:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 5. The following persons shall be entitled to seats in the Convention with the privilege of discussion, but without the right of voting; *provided*, they possess the qualifications of a Lay delegate named in the *proviso* of Section 2 of this article, namely: The Registrar, the Treasurer of this Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Association and Lay members of any Committee appointed at a previous Convention, when instructed to report to the Convention at which admission is sought.

AMENDMENT TO CANON X, SEC. 2.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect; and it shall be unlawful for the Parish or Vestry to take action on any name until the receipt of the Bishop's acknowledgement of such notification, and of his accompanying suggestions, if there be any; *Provided*, he be at the time within the territory of the United States; and that his reply be not deferred longer than thirty days after the receipt of said notification. On the election of a Minister they shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee a notice of the same; and if the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, if the Standing Committee be satisfied, that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of the Church, and accepts the same, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a record book for that purpose, and said record book shall be legal evidence of the certified relationship between the Minister and the Parish. If after the expiration of six months, the Vestry of a Church which has become vacant, shall fail to call or settle a Minister, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to appoint one, and he shall notify the Vestry of such appointment, and upon their concurrence, the Minister so appointed shall become Rector of the Church.

AMENDMENT TO CANON XI.

That the words "or their" be changed to "and the" in line 10 and strike out line 11 and following lines to the period in line 23, and insert the following: Notify the President of the Standing Committee at least three weeks before the General Convention whether they will attend or not to the duties of their office; and it shall be the duty of the said President in case any deputies-elect decline to serve as such, to notify the alternates consecutively of the vacancies as they occur, and see that they are filled by the acceptance of some alternate deputy.

Times for Collections.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese to make a collection for Diocesan Missions once a month, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese quarterly.—Canon XIX., Sec. 4.

THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, ETC.

It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day.—Canon XIV., Sec. 1.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

First, or some other Sunday in Advent.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

INDIAN MISSIONS AND MISSIONS TO COLORED PEOPLE.

Fourth Sunday after Easter. Recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY.

The Sunday after the Ember days, after the 14th of September.

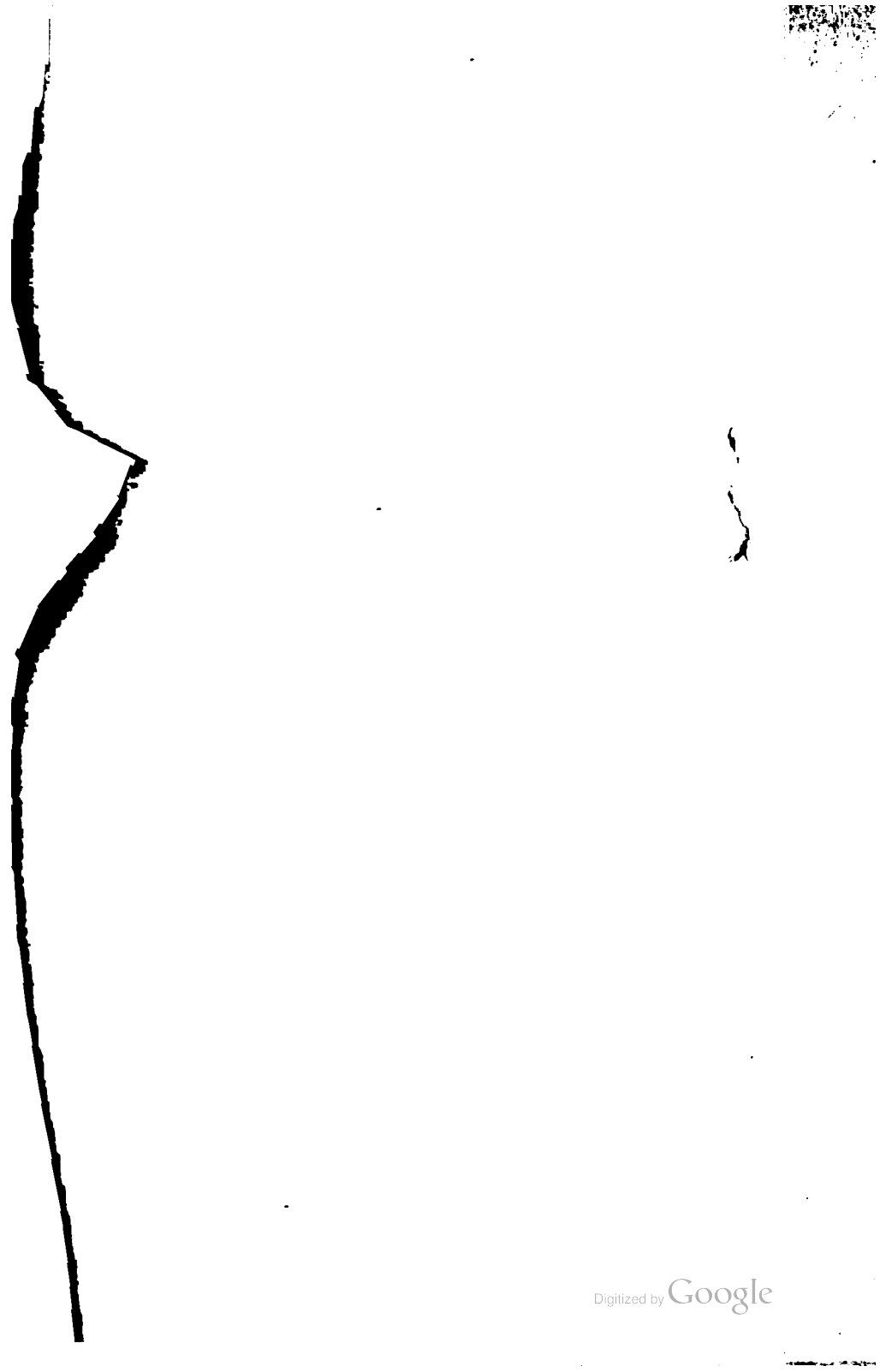
THE CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF MUTES.

The 12th Sunday after Trinity. (The request of the Society.)

THE AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMISSION.

The second Tuesday in November. (The request of the Commission.)

"The Ministers of this Church shall also diligently instruct all in their cures concerning the Missionary work of the Church at home and abroad, and offer suitable opportunities for contributions from time to time for the maintenance of that work."—Title 1, Canon 14, Sec. III.



The Fourteenth Annual Convention

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan, will be held in
S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, commencing on
Tuesday, June 5th, A. D. 1888, at half past 7 P. M.

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

A FORM OF BEQUEST

TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, a Body Corporate under the Laws of the State of Michigan, and empowered to receive and hold any property, real or personal, for the use and benefit of said Diocese.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum of.....dollars for

- (a.) The uses and purposes of said Association: or,
- (b.) For the uses of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy: or,
- (c.) For the use of the Episcopal Fund of said Diocese: or,
- (d.) For the Missions of the Diocese: or,
- (e.) For the Rectory Building Fund, or for any other specific use of the Diocese: or,
- (f.) For.....Parish....., the annual proceeds thereof to be devoted to the support of the Rector; or to the repairs of the Church; or to any other Parochial object specified.



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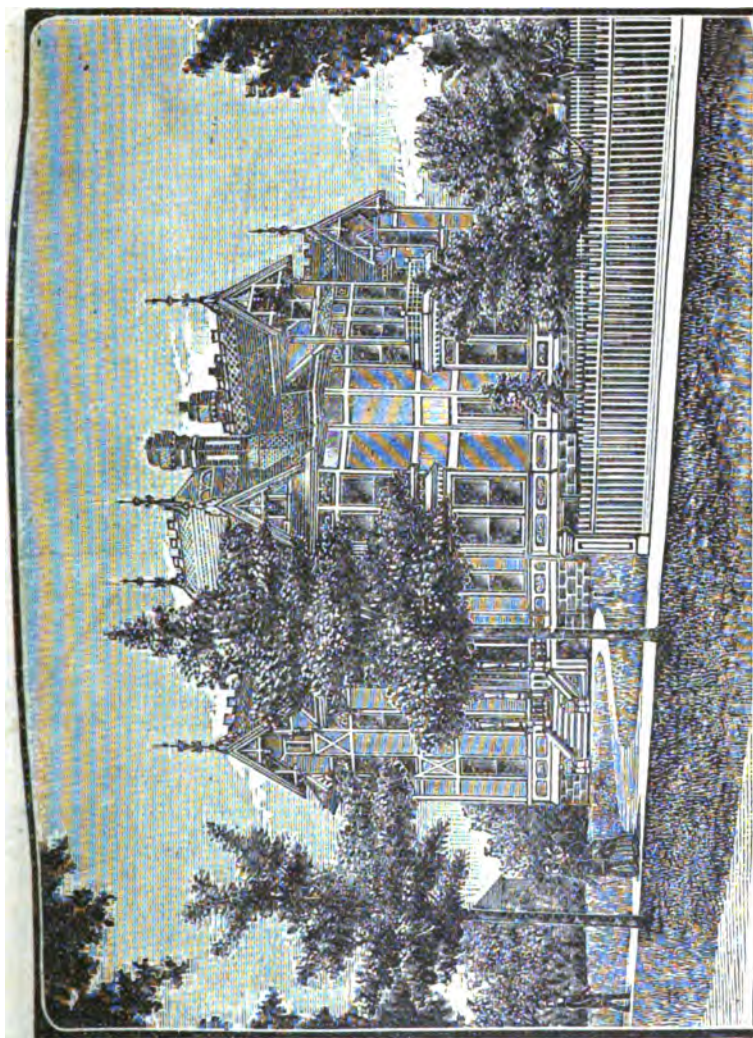
Fourteenth Annual Convention

— OF THE —

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

1888

BLANCHE HALL OF AKELEY INSTITUTE, GRAND HAVEN, MICH.



DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,

Under the supervision of the
RT. REV. GEO. D. GILLESPIE, S. T. D., Bishop of W. Michigan.
MRS. JAS. E. WILKINSON, Principal.

ANNOUNCEMENT

—OF—

BLANCHE HALL OF AKELEY INSTITUTE.

MRS. JAMES E. WILKINSON, Principal.

Blanche Hall of Akeley Institute being now ready for occupancy, the Trustees wish to announce to the Public, that they propose to open the school on Wednesday, September 12th, 1888.

The situation of Akeley Institute is such as can rarely be found, since its ample grounds front a spacious and attractive Park, in the beautiful city of Grand Haven, justly celebrated for its picturesque scenery, bracing air, and for the fact that it is the third city in the United States, in point of healthfulness.

The rooms are spacious and airy, well heated and ventilated, and furnished with taste and propriety.

DISCIPLINE.

In Akeley Institute, the Domestic, Social and Educational Departments, will be under the most careful supervision, and everything will be done to make the school life that of an attractive Christian Home, with every provision for the health and comfort of the pupils.

Parents desiring to place their daughters in school, and at the same time to retain a personal supervision over them, will find a delightful and luxurious home at the Cutler House, Grand Haven, widely known as the leading hotel in Western Michigan.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In addition to the Regular Course of four years, the Course of Study will include Kindergarten and Preparatory Departments, superior advantages in Modern Languages and Music, Calisthenics, and Dancing; also a course in Art which it is designed to make second to none in the West.

FEES.

The fees have been placed at the lowest possible figure, in order to bring within the reach of all, the benefits of a thorough Christian Education. Board and Tuition, including the whole course in English and Latin, Calisthenics, and use of Library, \$200 00.

All payments for board, tuition, and extras to be made quarterly in advance to Treasurer of Akeley Institute, Thomas A. Parish, Grand Haven, Mich.

APPLICATIONS.

All applications for admission, and for other particulars should be made to MRS. JAMES E. WILKINSON, Principal of Akeley Institute, Grand Haven, Mich.

Earliest applicants will have the first choice of rooms. When rooms are full accommodations can be found in private families on reasonable terms.

Advent Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 1888.

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

— IN THE —

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN,

WHICH MET IN

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN,

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, A. D. 1888.

MUSKEGON, MICH.
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1888.

ASSESSMENT.

For 1888-89.

On Parishes in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

(RATE, FIVE PER CENT.)

Prepared by the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, with the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, according to Canon XVI. Section, 1.

PARISHES.	Base of Assessm't.	Amount
Albion, S. James,	\$ 500 91	\$ 28 05
Allegan, Good Shepherd,	1,000 17	54 50
Battle Creek, S. Thomas,	1,786 38	89 30
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	935 86	46 80
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	1,375 42	68 80
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	933 39	46 70
Grand Haven, S. John's,	893 00	44 65
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	6,079 00	303 95
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's,	353 38	17 70
Grand Rapids, Grace,	1,383 87	69 20
Grand Rapids, Trinity,	1,225 90	61 30
Hastings, Emmanuel,	1,006 04	50 30
Holland, Grace,	71 07	3 55
Homer, Christ,	207 50	10 40
Ionia, S. John's,	900 62	45 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	4,056 72	202 85
Ludington, Grace,	373 86	18 70
Marshall, Trinity,	1,331 79	66 80
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	1,827 23	91 25
Niles, Trinity,	900 87	45 00
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,	57 84	2 90
Saranac, Trinity,	1 70	10
Saugatuck, All Saints',	303 00	15 15
Three Rivers, Trinity,	12 07	60
Traverse City, Grace,	400 06	24 50
Union City, Grace,	94 71	4 75
Whitehall, Redeemer,	55 40	2 80
Total,	\$28,908 28	\$1,445 35

W. J. STUART,

W. R. SHELBY,

F. A. GORHAM.

For Committee on Assessment.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS.

TITLE I.—CANON 14.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§1. [i.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens, (or in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens,) to the Right Rev., (naming the Bishop,) or to the Rev., (naming the President of the Standing Committee,) that (naming the person,) has been duly chosen Rector, (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be,) of (naming the Parish or Church.)

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The date of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§ [ii.] No Minister removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another shall officiate as the Rector, or Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following:

I do hereby certify that the Rev. A—B— has been Canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and a Minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON 12.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§ 1. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant until such shall be produced.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CANON X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Church becomes vacant it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect; and it shall be unlawful for the Parish or Vestry to take action on any name until the receipt of the Bishop's acknowledgement of such notification and of his accompanying suggestions, if there be any: Provided, he be at the time within the territory of the United States, and that his reply

be not deferred longer than thirty days after the receipt of said notification. On the election of a Minister they shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, a notice of the same; and if the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, if the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen be a qualified Minister of the Church, and accepts the same, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book for that purpose, and such record shall be legal evidence of the certified relationship between the Minister and the Parish. If, after the expiration of six months, the Vestry of a Church which has become vacant shall fail to call or settle a Minister, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to appoint one, and he shall notify the Vestry of such appointment, and upon their concurrence, the Minister so appointed shall become Rector of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Bishop may appoint Clergymen in the Diocese or others who can with most convenience discharge the duty to supply such vacant Parishes at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

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CONVOCATIONS.

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Kalamazoo—Rev. A. P. GREENLEAF, Secretary, Battle Creek.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT CONVENTION.

On Charging a Mission into a Parish.—Rev. Chas. T. Stout, Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Mr. James Vosper, Mr. Wm. N. Brown.

On Liturgical Revision.—Rev. Albert E. Wells, Mr. J. M. Parsons, Mr. W. J. Stuart.

On Primitive Diaconate.—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Dr. Geo. H. Cleveland, Mr. C. W. Calkins.

To Organise Akeley Institute.—Hon. Wm. B. Williams, Hon. Noah P. Loveridge, Mr. Thos. A. Parish.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE.

The RT. REV. GEORGE DENORMANDIE GILLESPIE, Consecrated Feby 24th, 1875.

NAME.	RECEIVED.	FROM WHAT DIOCESE.
The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, - -	Sept. 19th, 1865.	Ordination.
The Rev. Darius Barker, - -	1866.	
The Rev. Joseph B. Prichard, -	1869.	
The Rev. Moseley Morris, - -	Dec. 17th, 1870.	Wisconsin.
The Rev. Charles R. Huson, -	1871.	
The Rev. Joseph S. Large, - -	May 30th, 1873.	Indiana.
The Rev. Robert Ellis Jones, -	May 20th, 1884.	Massachusetts.
The Rev. John Newton Rippey, M. D.	Nov. 30th, 1884.	Southern Ohio.
The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.	Feby 17th, 1885.	Quincy.
The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, - - -	Feby 20th, 1885.	Vermont.
The Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff,	April 14th, 1885.	Missouri.
The Rev. William Morrall, - -	June 22d, 1885.	Pittsburg.
The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford,	Nov. 30th, 1885.	North Dakota.
The Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.	Sept. 6th, 1886.	Colorado.
The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. -	Nov. 20th, 1886.	Maryland.
The Rev. Henry Hughes, - -	Sept. 6th, 1886.	Michigan.
The Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, -	April 11th, 1887.	Chicago.
The Rev. Robert Lynn, - -	July 22d, 1887.	Michigan.
The Rev. Charles T. Stout, - - -	Sept. 20th, 1887.	Ohio.
The Rev. Henry E. S. Somerville,	Nov. 26th, 1887.	Iowa.
The Rev. Woodford P. Law, - -	Nov. 26th, 1887.	Iowa.
The Rev. J. E. Walton, - - -	Jan'y 29, 1880.	Connecticut.
The Rev. Albert E. Wells, - -	April 3d, 1888.	Nebraska.
The Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Ph. D.	April 17th, 1888.	Central New York.
The Rev. Normand S. Boardman,	May 30th, 1888.	Connecticut.

THE CONVOCATIONS.

KALAMAZOO—REV. A. P. GREENLEAF, Secretary.

GRAND RAPIDS—REV. M. S. WOODRUFF, Secretary.

List of Parishes, and when admitted to the Convention, and of Missions and of their date of organization.

KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.—Population (about) 350,000.

Albion.....	St. James' Church.....	Admitted 1840
Allegan.....	*Good Shepherd Church.....	" 1860
Battle Creek.....	*St. Thomas' Church.....	" 1842
Coldwater.....	*St. Mark's Church.....	" 1848
Hastings.....	Emmanuel Church.....	" 1864
Homer.....	Christ Church.....	" 1841
Kalamazoo.....	*St. Luke's Church.....	" 1838
Marshall.....	*Trinity Church.....	" 1836
Niles.....	*Trinity Church.....	" 1834
Paw Paw.....	St. Mark's Church.....	" 1851
Saugatuck.....	All Saints' Church.....	" 1869
Three Rivers.....	Trinity Church.....	" 1864
Union City.....	Grace Church.....	" 1865

ORGANIZED MISSIONS IN KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

Benton Harbor.....	Holy Trinity Mission.....	Organized 1882
Charlotte.....	Grace Mission.....	Reorganized 1888
Eaton Rapids....	St. Matthias' Mission.....	Organized 1876
Quincy.....	St. John's Mission.....	" 1882

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS IN KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.

Mendon. Otsego, Sturgis, Schoolcraft.

GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.—Population (about) 500,000.

Big Rapids.....	*St. Andrew's Church...	Admitted 1873
Elk Rapids.....	St. Paul's Church.....	" 1871
Grand Haven.....	*St. John's Church.....	" 1866
Grand Rapids.....	*St. Mark's Church.....	" 1836
" ".....	St. Paul's Church.....	" 1872
" ".....	*Grace Church.....	" 1875
" ".....	Trinity Church.....	" 1866
Holland.....	Grace Church.....	" 1868
Ionla.....	*St. John's Church.....	" 1841
Ludington.....	Grace Church.....	" 1873
Muskegon.....	*St. Paul's Church.....	" 1867
Saranac.....	Trinity Church.....	" 1860
Traverse City.....	Grace Church.....	" 1877
Whitehall.....	Redeemer Church.....	" 1870

ORGANIZED MISSIONS IN GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

Baldwin.....	*St. Matthew's Mission.....	Organized	1879
Coopersville....	Epiphany Mission.....	"	1877
Charlevoix.....	Christ's Mission.....	"	1887
Ewart.....	St. Paul's Mission.....	"	1876
Greenville.....	St. Paul's Mission.....	"	1881
Harbor Springs.....	St. John's Mission.....	"	1883
Manistee.....	St. Paul's Mission.....	"	1876
Mt. Pleasant..	*St. John's Mission.....	"	1886
Newaygo.....	St. Mark's Mission.....	"	1876
Pentwater.....	St. James' Mission.....	"	1871
Petoskey.....	Emmanuel Mission.....	"	1887
Rockford.....	St. James' Mission.....	"	1880
Stanton.....	Grace Mission.....	"	1887
Tustin.....	St. John's Mission.....	"	....

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS IN GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

Advance, Boyne City, East Jordan, Howard City, Kalkaska, Luther, Morley, Manton, Manacelona, Reed City, Sparta, Sheridan, Trufant.

Total—Parishes, 27, Organized Missions, 18; Unorganized Missions, 17; whole number of places where services are held, 62.

*Has a Rectory. +Has both Church and Chapel.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY.

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

JUNE 5th, A. D. 1888.

Those marked * were not entitled to seats in the Convention—Constitution, Art. VI. Those in *Italics* were not present.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated St. Matthias' Day, February 24, A. D. 1875.) Episcopal residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Bancroft, Joseph W., General Missionary, Hastings.
 *Boardman, Normand Smith, Missionary, S. John's Church, Mt. Pleasant.
Barker, Darius, P. O. Decatur.
 Eastman, G. C. V., Missionary, Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.
 Fair, Campbell, D. D., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.
 Greenleaf, Arthur P., Rector S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.
 Hughes, Henry, Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.
 *Huson, Charles E., P. O. Coldwater.
 Jones, Robert Ellis, Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.
 Knapp, Theodore J., D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.
 Large, Joseph S., officiating at Hastings.
 Lynn, Robert, Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia.
 Law, Woodford P., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.
Morris, Mosely, P. O. Grand Rapids.
 Morrall, William, Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.
Prickard, Joseph B., Missionary, S. John's Church, Ludington.
 Rippey, John N., M. D., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.
 Somerville, H. E. S., Missionary, S. Paul's Mission, Manistee.
 Stout, Charles T., Missionary, Emmanuel Mission, Petoskey.
 Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids.
 Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids.
 Woodruff, Montgomery S., Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.
 *Wells, Albert E., Rector of All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.
 *Wilkinson, James E., Ph. D., Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.
 *Walton, J. E.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Mann, A. W., General Missionary to Deaf Mutes, P. O., Gambler, Ohio.

SUMMARY.

Number canonically resident:

Bishop	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Priests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Deacons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

Number entitled to seats in the Convention	-	-	-	-	0
Of whom present	-	-	-	-	17
Number not entitled to seats in the Convention	-	-	-	-	5
Of whom present	-	-	-	-	3

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS REPRESENTED AND NAMES OF DELEGATES
PRESENT.

Allegan, Good Shepherd,	-	-	-	Hon. W. B. Williams.
Battle Creek, S. Thomas',	-	-	-	{ Mr. Clement Wakeloe, Mr. C. F. Boch.
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	-	-	-	{ Mr. Chas. B. Mosher, Mr. C. W. Nottingham.
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	-	-	-	Hon. Noah P. Loveridge.
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	Mr. Horatio B. Lewis.
Grand Haven, S. John's,	-	-	-	{ Mr. Thos. A. Parish. Mr. John Macfie, Mr. Geo. D. Sanford.
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	-	-	-	{ Mr. Chas. S. Hazeltine, Mr. Fred A. Gorham, Mr. E. F. Sweet.
Grand Rapids, Grace,	-	-	-	Mr. Fred C. Stratton.
Hastings, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	Mr. Daniel G. Robinson.
Ionia, S. John's,	-	-	-	{ Mr. James Vosper. Mr. Ethan T. Montgomery.
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	-	-	-	Mr. T. P. Sheldon.
Marshall, Trinity,	-	-	-	Mr. James M. Parsons.
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	-	-	-	{ Mr. S. S. Morris, Mr. E. G. Rote.
Saugatuck, All Saints',	-	-	-	Mr. Damon A. Winslow.
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity,	-	-	-	Mr. Alfred Coates.
Charlotte, Grace,	-	-	-	Mr. Chas. B. Lamb.
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's,	-	-	-	Mr. Wm. N. Brown.
Pentwater, S. James,	-	-	-	Dr. Geo. H. Cleveland.
Potoskey, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	Mr. J. H. K. Bergwin.

JOURNAL.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH,
GRAND HAVEN, June 5, 1888. }

The Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan and the Lay Delegates-elect to the Fourteenth Annual Convention assembled in S. John's Church, Grand Haven, and were called to order by the Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., the Bishop of the Diocese.

Silent prayer was offered for a blessing upon the work of the Convention.

The Secretary read Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI. of the Constitution, and Sections 1, 2, and 3, of Canon II. relative to the organization of the Convention.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats was called, and the following answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.
Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Woodford P. Law,
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D. Rev. William Morrall,
Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.,
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. Charles T. Stout,
Rev. Henry Hughes, Rev. H. E. S. Somerville,
Rev. Robert E. Jones, Rev. J. Rice Taylor,
Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D. Rev. Sidney H. Woodford,
Rev. Joseph S. Large, Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff,
Rev. Robert Lynn.

Of those not entitled to seats there were present:

Rev. Normand S. Boardman, Rev. Albert E. Wells
Rev. J. E. Wilkinson.

The roll of the Parishes and Missions was called and the following presented credentials:

S. Thomas' Battle Creek. S. Paul's, Muskegon.
S. Luke's, Kalamazoo. Grace, Ludington.
S. Andrew's, Big Rapids. S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

All Saints, Saugatuck.
S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.
Trinity, Marshall.
S. Mark's, Coldwater.

Grace, Grand Rapids.
S. John's, Mt. Pleasant.
S. James', Pentwater.
Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.

The President appointed the Rev. Wm. Morrall and the Secretary a Committee on the Credentials of Lay Delegates.

A recess was taken and Evening Prayer was said. The Bishop was assisted in the service by the Rev. Messrs. Law, Hughes, Lynn and the Rector, the Rev. J. E. Wilkinson.

After prayers the Convention was called to order. The Bishop in the Chair.

The Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates presented its report. The above named Parishes and Missions were found entitled to representation. The names of the Lay Delegates were called and the following were found to be present :

Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	Wm. B. Williams.
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	C. B. Mosher.
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	N. P. Loveridge.
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	{ Clement Wakelee,
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	{ C. F. Bock.
	H. B. Lewis.
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	{ Thos. A. Parish,
	{ John Macfie,
	{ Geo. D. Sanford.
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	{ Fred A. Gorham,
	{ Charles S. Hazeltine.
Grand Rapids, Grace... ..	Fred C. Stratton.
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	D. G. Robinson.
Marshall, Trinity.....	James M. Parsons.
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's.....	Wm. N. Brown.
Pentwater, S. James'.....	Geo. H. Cleveland, M. D.
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.....	Alfred Coates.

When the calling of the roll was completed the Bishop pronounced :

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I now declare the Fourteenth Annual Convention duly organized for business."

The election of a Secretary being in order, the Chair

appointed Rev. A. P. Greenleaf and Mr. F. A. Gorham as tellers. The ballot was taken, which resulted as follows:

REPORT OF TELLERS.

Whole number of votes cast	22
Rev. J. N. Rippey received.....	21
Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	1

The Rev. J. N. Rippey was declared elected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp the following clergy not entitled to seats were admitted to seats in this Convention, according to Section 1, of Article VI. of the Constitution: Rev. Normand S. Boardman, Rev. J. E. Wilkinson and Rev. A. E. Wells.

The above named gentlemen appeared and took their seats.

On motion all visiting Clergy were invited to seats in the Convention. The Rev. H. Banwell, of the Diocese of Huron, took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft the Rules of Order of the last Convention, found on pages eighteen and nineteen of the Journal of the last Convention, were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention; and when he may deem it advisable he may appoint on a committee to report to the next Convention a person qualified to be a delegate who is not a member of the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rises, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention without leave asked and voted.

On motion the Convention took a recess till the next morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates were invited to visit the Akeley mansion, and were hospitably received and entertained by the ladies with an elegant collation. The members of the Convention were shown over the building, and all expressed themselves delighted at the substantial beauty and finish of the house, and its admirable adaptation for the work of a school.

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 8:30 a. m.

The Convention assembled for Morning Prayer. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Morrall, Greenleaf, Stout, Woodruff and Wilkinson.

10 a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated. The Bishop acted as celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Knapp and Eastman and the Rev. Messrs. Woodford, Large, Taylor and Wilkinson.

The Bishop read his annual address. (See appendix.)

The Convention came to order for business.

The rolls of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called. Several Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

On Admitting Churches into Union with the Diocese.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. J. S. Large, Mr. D. A. Winslow.

On Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.—Mr. S. S. Morris, Mr. C. B. Lamb, Mr. E. G. Rote.

On the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.—Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Rev. R. E. Jones, Mr. C. S. Hazeltine, Mr. C. F. Bock, Mr. J. M. Parsons.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. Henry Hughes, Mr. Alfred Coates, Mr. C. B. Mosher.

On Canons.—Rev. C. T. Stout, Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Mr. James Vosper, Mr. W. N. Brown.

On Church Literature.—Rev. Robt. Lynn, Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Rev. A. E. Wells, Mr. F. C. Stratton, Mr. Wm. B. Williams.

On Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions.—Rev. S. H. Woodford, Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., *Mr. Geo. Willard, Mr. Wm. H. Stanhope, Mr. H. B. Lewis.

On Christian Education.—Rev. J. E. Wilkinson, Rev. W. P. Law, Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Dr. Geo. H. Cleveland, Mr. C. W. Calkins.

*Absent.

On motion the Convention took a recess till 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 1:30 p. m.

The Convention assembled and was called to order by the President.

Litany was said by the Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.

After Litany the Convention proceeded to business.

The Committee on Canons asked leave to retire. Leave was granted.

The Bishop read the remainder of his address, consisting of his official acts during the past Conventional year.

Parochial reports were called for and presented to the Bishop. (See appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Fair read the report of the Standing Committee :

REPORT.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan (consisting of the Revs. J. W. Bancroft, Campbell Fair, D. D., J.

N. Rippey and R. E. Jones, and Messrs. Wm. R. Shelby, Henry F. Severens and W. J. Stuart, elected by ballot at the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Big Rapids June 7 and 8, 1887) respectfully report:

That on Wednesday, the 8th day of June, 1887, it organized for business by electing the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, President, and the Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Secretary.

During the year, seven (7) meetings have been held, as follows:

June 8, 1887, in Big Rapids.

July 2, 1887, in Grand Rapids.

October 17, 1887, in Grand Rapids.

December 13, 1887, in Grand Rapids.

April 11, 1888, in Battle Creek.

April 30, 1888, in Grand Rapids.

June 6, 1888, in Grand Haven.

Consent to the Consecration of the following persons has been given:

The Rev. Abiel Leonard as Missionary Bishop of Utah and Nevada.

The Rev. J. S. Johnston as Missionary Bishop of Western Texas.

Consent was given to the acceptance of the Diocese of Easton by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Forbes Adams, formerly Missionary Bishop of New Mexico.

Appropriations have been made from the Fund for the Relief of Aged Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy to the amount of \$350.

Recommendations to the Bishop to receive as candidates for orders have been made in favor of Mr. Martin Damer, Mr. Louis Schuyler Joy and Mr. George C. Jenner.

Appointments have been made as follows:

Rev. J. Rice Taylor to fill vacancy in the Board of Missions.

Mr. C. W. Calkins as Registrar of the Diocese.

Consent was given to changing the place of meeting of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese from Battle Creek to Grand Haven.

The committee has acted as council of advice to the Bishop in a case brought before it by the Bishop.

CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., Secretary.

On motion the reading of the report of the Board of Missions was deferred till the evening.

Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, read his report.

Report of T. P. V. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Convention, etc.:

REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan.

	Dr.	
Cash balance from last year.....		\$ 80 22
" from St. James, Albion.....	\$ 8 86	
" " S. Elizabeth's Guild, Albion.....	60 00	

Cash from Good Shepherd, Allegan ('86-'87).....	13 00
" " " " ('87-'88).....	31 95
" " St. Thomas', Battle Creek.....	59 24
" " St. Andrew's, Big Rapids ('86-'87).....	54 00*
" " " " ('87-'88).....	33 32
" " St. Mark's, Coldwater.....	68 28
" " St. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	44 00
" " St. John's, Grand Haven.....	83 71
" " Grace, Grand Rapids.....	49 96
" " St. Mark's Grand Rapids.....	213 37
" " Emmanuel, Hastings.....	39 32
" " Grace, Holland.....	1 57
" " Christ, Homer ('82-'87).....	21 20*
" " St. John's, Ionia.....	45 33
" " St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	160 15
" " Grace, Ludington.....	8 84
" " Trinity, Marshall.....	65 38
" " St. Paul's, Muskegon.....	74 05
" " Trinity, Niles ('85-'86).....	14 00
" " " " Ladies' Aid Society.....	53 86
" " St. Mark's, Paw Paw ('86-'87).....	40*
" " " " ('87-'88).....	1 75
" " All Saints', Saugatuck.....	4 64
" " Trinity, Three Rivers.....	2 50
" " Grace, Traverse City.....	2 36
" " Redeemer, Whitehall.....	2 50
Total from parishes.....	1,209 13
	\$1,296 35

*Reported in last Journal.

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By paid on Bishop's salary.....	\$ 700 00
" " Sexton and Pages at last Convention.....	10 00
" " Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	52 28
" " " " for postage, etc.....	13 96
" " " " ".....	20 80
" " " J. W. Bancroft's bill.....	8 43
" " " " ".....	2 50
" " " Belno Brown, traveling expenses.....	6 50
" " " D. D. Chapin, ".....	3 20
" " Dygert's bill for printing reports.....	10 00
" " " " ".....	1 75
" " Bishop for incidentals.....	1 10
" " Rev. Dr. Knapp.....	2 00
" " F. Chilver & Co.'s bill.....	9 00
" " F. Weller's bill for printing Journal.....	186 30
" " Rev. Jos. S. Large.....	1 30
" " for stationery and stamps.....	1 50
" " Pease & Son's bill.....	75
" " Treasurer of General Convention.....	26 00
" " incidental expenses of Registrar.....	20 00
" " Loomis & Onderdonk's bill.....	2 00
" " Bishop's bill in case of Rev. F. C. Lee.....	1 50
Cash in treasury.....	197 48

\$1,296 35

June 4, 1888.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

Cash balance from last report.....	\$ 185 72	\$185 72
“ from St. James' Church, Albion.....	1 78	
“ “ Church of Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	13 00	
“ “ St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.....	13 33	
“ “ Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.....	3 40	
“ “ St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.....	5 10	
“ “ St. Mark's “ Coldwater.....	14 00	
“ “ “ “ Grand Rapids.....	100 00	
“ “ “ Sunday School, Grand Rapids.....	2 07	
“ “ Emmanuel Church, Hastings.....	8 92	
“ “ St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.....	80 56	
“ “ Grace “ Ludington.....	1 00	
“ “ Trinity “ Marshall.....	21 14	
“ “ St. Paul's “ Muskegon.....	16 72	
“ “ St. Mark's “ Paw Paw.....	6 64	
“ “ St. James' Mission, Pentwater.....	1 25	
“ “ Emmanuel “ Petoskey.....	3 40	
“ “ St. John's “ Quincy.....	1 77	
“ “ All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.....	1 53	
Total offerings from parishes.....		200 30
Interest on Yoe mortgage.....	\$ 10 50	
“ “ Howe “.....	17 50	
“ “ Fry “.....	17 50	
“ “ Starring “.....	49 00	
“ “ Lindberg “.....	24 50	
“ “ Congdon “.....	14 00	
“ “ Price Note.....	7 00	
Total from interest.....		140 00
Paid on Starring mortgage.....	200 00	200 00
		<hr/> \$822 02

CONTRA.

By paid stipend to Rev. D. Barker.....	\$ 150 00
“ “ “ Mrs. Geo. P. Schotky.....	100 00
“ “ “ Mrs. A. C. Lewis.....	100 00
“ “ two years' taxes on Pollard land.....	15 64
“ “ for mortgage against William Vine.....	225 00
Cash balance on hand.....	231 38
	<hr/> \$822 02

LIST OF SECURITIES BELONGING TO THE FUND.

Note of Alexander N. Price.....	\$ 100 00
Mortgage against Parnella Pollock.....	210 00
“ “ Mortimer Yoe.....	160 00
“ “ Mary E. Howe.....	250 00
“ “ Frank B. Fry.....	250 00
“ “ Benj. Starring.....	500 00

Mortgage against Julius A. Ward.....	\$578 00
“ “ Augustus F. Lindberg....	350 00
“ “ H. E. Congdon.....	200 00
“ “ William Vine.....	225 00

\$2,811 00

The undersigned Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors, by the appointment of the Convention of 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, etc., and find them correct as per statement above.

June 1, 1888.

H. F. SEVERENS,
W. J. STUART.

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS FOR ASSESSMENTS.

JUNE, 1888.

TOWNS.	PARISHES.	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	Total.
Albion.....	St. James'.....	\$22 66	\$16 18	\$20 00	.....	.....	\$30 90	\$27 81	\$69 73	\$ 9 34	.....	.....	\$10 84	\$ 187 23
Grand Haven.....	St. John's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 85
Grand Rapids.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 00
Grand Rapids.....	St. Paul's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139 53
Grand Rapids.....	Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 85
Holland.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Homer.....	Christ.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 60
Ludington.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 80
Niles.....	Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 00
Paw Paw.....	St. Mark's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 03
Saranac.....	Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 10
Saugatuck.....	All Saints'.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 62
Three Rivers.....	Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 44
Traverse City.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 36
Union City.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 74
Whitehall.....	Redeemer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 34
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1016 41

The above reports were referred to the Committee on Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention.

Mr. Fred A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Association, read

THE REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE.

The Treasurer of the Association was, at a meeting of the Association held Tuesday, June 6, directed to present to the Convention the following report as required by the By-Laws. A committee was also appointed to consider the matters referred to in the letter of Bishop Gillespie, and the resolution which has been drawn up by this committee is conveyed to the Convention as a part of the Association's report:

GRAND RAPIDS, June 5, 1888.

To the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the By-Laws the following report is submitted:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Amount at date of last report,	-	-	-	-	\$30,191 75	
July 27, 1887, received from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore,						
per Rev. R. H. Paine,	-	-	-	-	10 00	\$30,201 75
Invested as follows:						
Episcopal residence,	-	-	-	-	11,000 00	
Real estate,	-	-	-	-	518 18	
Subscription notes,	-	-	-	-	740 00	
Loans secured by mortgage,	-	-	-	-	17,277 23	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	-	-	-	-	666 39	30,201 75

The above statement excludes doubtful and worthless notes amounting to \$1,235 01.

The cash receipts and disbursements have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

June 6, 1887—Balance from last report,	-	-	-	\$ 109 67	
July 29, " From Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore,	-	-	-	10 00	
Sept. 26, " " W. B. Williams to apply on mortgage	-	-	-	63 12	
Oct. 11, " " J. J. Adams, to apply on contract	-	-	-	17 00	
Nov. 28, " " payment to apply on Moran mortgage	-	-	-	216 00	
Jan. 30, 1888, " Hannah Fallow, mortgage	-	-	-	40 00	
May 15, " " J. A. Campbell,	-	-	-	500 00	\$ 1,316 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 26, 1887—Loan to E. P. Goundry,	-	-	-	\$ 150 00	
April 9, " " Ellen C. Mansfield,	-	-	-	500 00	
June 5, " Balance cash in hand,	-	-	-	666 39	1,316 89

The income from this fund and the disbursements thereof have been as follows:—

INCOME.

Cash balance per last report,	-	-	-	\$ 816 71	
From interest on loans,	-	-	-	1,264 15	
" " " notes,	-	-	-	8 00	
" Geo. Kendall, Grand Rapids, annual subscription,	-	-	-	100 00	
" Rent of Episcopal residence,	-	-	-	533 34	
				\$ 2,722 20	

To which add amount received from T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer, for assessments,

700 00 \$ 3,422 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

June 7, 1887—For insurance Episcopal residence, \$5,000 three years, Voucher No. 1	25 00	
July 7, " " repairs to Episcopal residence, Voucher No. 2,	37 53	
Oct. 17, " " cleaning furnace, Episcopal residence, Voucher No. 3,	36 05	
Dec. 19, " " amount transferred to Grace Church Holland Fund,	257 37	
April 9, 1888, " accrued interest on Mansfield loan,	10 40	
June 6, 1888, " sundry payments to Geo. D. Gillespie on account of salary, Vouchers 4 to 10 inclusive,	3,800 00	
" " " " Balance cash on hand	55 85	3,422 20
The estimated income for the ensuing year is,		1,700 00
The liabilities to be met will be:—		
Bishop's traveling expenses for past year,	\$ 250 00	
" salary and traveling expenses for next year,	3,250 00	3,500 00
Deficit,		\$ 1,800 00

The following letter received from the Bishop is herewith presented:

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 2, 1888.

Mr. F. A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Association, Etc.

MY DEAR SIR:—From the statement you have at my request submitted to me it appears:—

1. That at the end of this financial year, May 24, 1888, there will be due the Bishop the sum voted for traveling expenses, there being no fund to meet it, \$ 250 00
 2. That the claim for the Bishop's salary and traveling expenses for the ensuing year will be 3,250 00
 3. That the estimated income will be 1,700 00
- This leaving a deficiency for '88-'89 1,550 00

I propose to cancel the claim for traveling expenses for '87-'88, being 250 00

To divide with the Diocese the deficiency for the ensuing year, making my gift to the income of the Episcopal Fund 775 00

Permit me to add, that I hope the Convention will accept this proposition without debate.

I am aware of the feeling generally of the Clergy and well informed Laity upon the subject without its expression.

The action of the Convention last year in declining the whole sum then tendered, while I value the feeling that prompted it, was against my judgment.

(Signed.)

Yours very truly,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The amount remains as at last report,		2,810 00
Invested in mortgage loans,	\$ 2,555 00	
Cash balance in hand,	255 00	2,810 00

Receipts and disbursements have been:—

RECEIPTS

June 4, 1887—Balance from last report,	125 00
" 18, " From interest on Myers' mortgage,	10 00
July 8, " " " " Hall	20 00

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Oct. 15, 1887	From principal and interest Vandrey mortgage,	\$342 50	
Nov. 7, " "	" " Hanchett "	212 98	
Dec. 31, " "	balance principal and interest Hanchett mortgage,	918 85	
" " "	interest Myers mortgage,	10 00	
Jan. 27, 1888,	principal and interest Martin mortgage,	110 00	
Feb. 25, " "	interest on Hall "	20 00	
March 7, " "	" " Dodds "	52 50	
" 21, " "	" " deposits - - -	11 67	
May 26, " "	payment on principal Doods mortgage	100 00	1,334 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 8, 1887	To D. G. Robinson, Treasurer, Voucher No. 11,	20 66	
Oct. 15, " "	Loan to A. Leaderson, - - -	200 00	
March 9, 1888,	" " G. W. Dillenbeck, - - -	175 00	
" 22, " "	" " S. S. Chamberlain - - -	1,080 00	
" 30, " "	accrued interest on same, - - -	17 85	
" 30, " "	D. G. Robinson, Treasurer, Voucher No. 12,	186 65	
June 5, " "	Balance cash in hand, - - -	255 00	1,384 16

SUNDRY TRUSTS.

Rectory Building Fund:		Balance per last report,	\$ 1,516 11	
		Interest credited, - - -	45 50	1,561 61
Sturgis,		Balance per last report,	34 94	
		Interest credited, - - -	4 74	39 68
Lyons, .		Balance per last report,	157 52	
		Interest credited, - - -	22 72	180 24
Decatur,		Balance per last report,	77 56	
		Interest credited, - - -	10 41	87 97
Charlotte,		Balance per last report,	-	256 36
Baldwin,		July 27, 1887, Received from Frank Withey, rents,	13 50	
		Sept. 24, 1887, Received from same,	25 00	38 50
St. Paul Mission, Manistee		Balance per last report,	264 95	
		Interest credited, - - -	9 92	
			274 87	
		April 30, 1888, Remitted Jno. Seymour, Treasurer, Manistee, Voucher No. 13,	-	274 87

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Grace Church, Holland, July 2, 1887, Received from M. S. Mo-		
Adams, Philadelphia, through		
Bishop Gillespie, -	\$ 25 00	
July 6, 1887, Received from Rev. H.		
J. Cook's parish, Englewood,		
through Bishop Gillespie, -	6 78	
Oct. 1, 1887, Received from Rev. G.		
W. S. Ayres, Connersville, Ind.	37 75	
Dec. 19, 1887, Transferred from		
Episcopal Fund, being surplus		
insurance money received, -	257 37	
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	\$ 326 90	
Dec. 19, 1887, Remitted to C. A.		
Stevenson, Chairman Building		
Committee, Voucher No. 14, -	326 90	

Diocesan Library Build-	June 7, 1887, Collected at St. An-		
ing,	drew's Church, Big Rapids,		
	from members of Convention,	13 41	
	July 2, 1887, From Mr. Henry G.		
	Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds,		
	through Bishop Gillespie, -	50 00	63 41
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	Total amount of Trust Funds,		\$2,227 77
	Invested in loans secured by		
	mortgage, -	300 00	
	Cash in Treasurer's hands, -	2,027 77	2,227 77

The following is a detailed list of all securities in my hands, which have been examined by the Auditing Committee and are certified by the members thereof:

DETAILED STATEMENT OF SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

FOR EPISCOPAL FUND.

(Notes and Mortgages.)

Chas. L. Moran, 6½ per cent.						\$ 5,212 55
Eljah Dart, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	2,000 00
John Schoffin, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	1,000 00
Wm. Gummet, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	1,400 00
M. Ryan, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	800 00
Jno. G. Barager, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	800 00
David A. Moore, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	600 00
E. P. Goundry, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	\$524 00
" " 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	150 00
F. C. Rathbun, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	500 00
W. H. Converse, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	500 00
Lucy P. Faunce, 10 " "	10	"	"	-	-	500 00
Sylvester Rogers, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	500 00
Ellen O. Mansfield, 7 " "	7	"	"	-	-	500 00
James P. Hayes, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	350 00
H. S. Birdsall, 10 " "	10	"	"	-	-	300 00
M. Maloney, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	300 00
A. M. Beal, 8 " "	8	"	"	-	-	250 00

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John Marz,	8 per cent.	-	-	-	-	\$225 00
William Hannon,	8 "	"	-	-	-	200 00
Josiah Tibbets,	8 "	"	-	-	-	200 00
L. K. Austin,	8 "	"	-	-	-	189 00
Jas. B. Andrews	10 "	"	-	-	-	150 00
W. B. Williams,	10 "	"	-	-	-	55 88
A. M. Bennett,	10 "	"	-	-	-	100 00

Amount forward, - - - - - \$17,277 23

Amount forward, - - - - - \$17,277 23

DEEDS.

George Kendall, Episcopal Residence, value including (insurance policy, \$5,000, expires June 1, 1890, \$5,000)	-	-	-	-	11,000 00
E. M. Adams, Com'r, property at Grand Rapids acquired under foreclosure and sold under contract to Jos. T. Adams (insurance, \$800, expires Oct. 14, '88)	-	-	-	-	600 00
Subscription notes, good,	-	-	-	-	740 00
" " worthless,	-	-	-	-	1,235 01

Total Episcopal Fund, - - - - - \$30,252 24

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

(Notes and Mortgages.)

S. S. Chamberlain, 7 per cent.	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,080 00
L. Dodds,	7 "	"	-	-	650 00
C. Myers,	8 "	"	-	-	250 00
Rufus Hall,	10 "	"	-	-	200 00
A. Leaderson,	9 "	"	-	-	200 00
G. W. Dillenbeck,	7 "	"	-	-	175 00

Total Permanent Missionary Fund, : - - - - - \$ 2,555 00

PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

Mortgage of N. R. Peterson, 9 per cent, belonging to undry funds,	-	-	-	-	\$ 200 00
Deeds as follows, the values being those shown in paro- chial reports, Journal of 1887:					
Samuel Mowry, land at Quincy,	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Caroline Snell, " " Lowell,	-	-	-	-	125 00
Henry Hall " " Plainfield,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Samuel C. Graham, " " Coopersville,	-	-	-	-	650 00
Sundry persons, " " Eaton Rapids (insurance \$700, expires April 23, 1890.)	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
Rutan & Slaght, " " Greenville,	-	-	-	-	1,800 00
Amount forward,	-	-	-	-	\$ 5,525 00
W. L. Webber, " " Baldwin,	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Southard & Crandall, land at Harbor Springs (insurance \$2,000, expires Sept. 15, '89.)	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
Dexter & Noble, " " Elk Rapids,	-	-	-	-	5,254 87
Richard W. Bagot,	-	-	-	-	
Wm. Cox and others, " " Grand Rapids, Trinity Church property,	-	-	-	-	6,000 00

N. McWillan,	land at Rockford, (insurance \$1,000, expires May 6, 1889; insurance \$500, expires May 15, 1890.)	\$1,765 00
Minnie K. Brown,	" " Mt. Pleasant (insurance \$3,000, expires Jan. 3, 1890.)	2,000 00
Louis Sands,	" " Manistee, - - -	450 00
John W. Loomis,	" " Pentwater (insurance \$800, expires April 23, 1890.)	1,300 00
Maria N. Grempe,	" " Paw Paw, - - -	2,500 00
Grace Church,	" " Holland, - - -	500 00
Catherine W. Sprague	" " Luther, - - -	300 00
Total Trust Fund,		\$35,794 87

GRAND RAPIDS, June 2, 1889.

The undersigned Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors, by appointment of the Convention of 1876, (page 39, Journal of 1876), do hereby certify that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, as set forth in the foregoing list, and find them correct as therein stated.

W. R. SHELBY,
W. J. STUART,

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

The following is the appended resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention, from year to year having been made aware of the noble and unselfish generosity of the Bishop in his continued benefactions to the Diocese, desires to record its heartfelt appreciation of his loving devotion to the best interests of the Diocese, and especially of his large gifts of money to the Episcopal Fund; it also hereby expresses its deep regret that the financial necessities of the Diocese have compelled it to accept the large sums annually donated by him.

REV. J. W. BANCROFT.
REV. J. N. RIPPEY.
F. A. GORHAM.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

The Rev. Henry Hughes, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented and read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your committee having examined the Journal of 1887, report the following Unfinished Business:

(1). On page 39 of the Journal:—Two propositions to amend Article VI, Sections 1 and 2, of the Constitution, in regard to Members of the Convention, and the representation of Parishes and Missions in the Convention.

(2). On page 49:—The Canon or Canons proposed for the election of a Bishop. The proposed Canon or Canons are found on pages 28 and 29.

(3). On page 51:—Report of "Special Committee of Three" upon "The Revival of the Primitive Diaconate."

(4). On pages 55 and 56:—Report of the Committee on Sunday School Instruction.

(5). Report of Committee on Lay Work,—Page 66.

(6). Report of Committee on Clerical Changes,—Page 66.

(7). Report of Committee on Church Unity,—Page 67.

(8). Report of Committee on Canons in regard to the qualifications of Vestrymen,—Page 67.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY HUGHES.
CHAS. B. MOSHER.
ALFRED COATES.

The report was received and the various items taken up in order.

The Secretary then read the proposed amendment to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Constitution.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. J. S. Large:

Resolved, That the amendment to Section 1 of Article VI of the Constitution, passed at the last Annual Convention, be now adopted.

Pending the discussion of which, the Rev. C. T. Stout offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the matter of amendment to Section 1, Article VI, of the Constitution be referred to a committee to report at the next Convention, what legislation is necessary to bring the several Articles of the Constitution and Canons into harmony.

The Rev. Robert Lynn offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the proposed amendment be referred to the Committee on Canons, to report to-morrow, or as soon as possible.

The ayes and nays being called for, the result stood: ayes 19, nays 12, and the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Knapp offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Section 2, Article VI, of the Constitution, be referred to the Committee on Canons, to report to-morrow.

The ayes and nays being called for, the result was as follows: Ayes 16, nays 9, and the resolution was adopted.

The Convention took up the second item in the report, relative to "The Solemn Nomination and Choosing of a Bishop."

On motion of Dr. Fair, the Convention proceeded to take up the proposed Canon by paragraphs.

On motion, the preamble was adopted.

On motion, Section 1 was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Fair moved that in Section 2 all after the word "tellers" be stricken out. Seconded by Mr. F. A. Gorham.

The Rev. Dr. Knapp moved that in Section 2 the words "and part of public worship" be stricken out. Lost.

The question on the adoption of Dr. Fair's motion came up and the resolution to strike out was adopted.

On motion, Section 2 as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Large, Section 3 was adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Stout, Section 4 was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Section 5 was divided; the last paragraph to form a new section. That portion designated as section 5 was taken up.

The Rev. Henry Hughes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in Section 5 all after the word "order" in line five be stricken out, and the words added, "and that such sessions shall be with closed doors."

Lost.

Motion to adopt Section 5 was made. Pending the discussion of the adoption of Sec. 5, Mr. E. F. Sweet offered the following:

Resolved. That the words in Section 5 "which shall be carried by one-third of the votes of each order," be stricken out.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted in ayes 14, nays 15, and the motion was lost.

On motion, Section 5 was adopted.

That part of Section 5 to be designated Section 6, according to the previous division, was read.

Mr. E. F. Sweet offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the following be added to Section 6 as read:
“ Provided that the number of times shall be limited to five.”

The Rev. Dr. Knapp offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That Section 6, so designated, be stricken out.

Which was adopted.

On motion, Section 6 was adopted.

On motion, Section 7 was adopted.

On motion, Section 8 was adopted.

Motion was made to adopt the Canon as a whole.

Pending the discussion of which Mr. N. P. Loveridge moved that the whole Canon be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Which was carried.

Item third of the Report on Unfinished Business, relative to the Primitive Diaconate, was read.

On motion of Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, the Report on Lay Work was taken up, as it included the item above referred to.

The Rev. A. P. Greenleaf read the Report of the Committee on Lay Work.

REPORT.

Few questions are of greater importance in the Church to-day than the one which has been referred to the Committee on Lay Work. On every hand we see the fields white for the harvest; the demand for workers has never been greater, and the Church has rarely been so moved by discussion and action upon this important subject. Look where we will, we see the same condition. In large Dioceses with wealthy and influential congregations the work is pressing and incompletely done. The Clergy cannot meet all the demands upon their time, and, with overburdened hearts, are forced to see those who sorely need spiritual food starving at the very

doors of the treasure house. In small Dioceses like our own, where towns are poor and small; where in many places two or three Church families with abundant opportunity of spreading the Gospel of Christ are cut off from religious instruction and from the comfortable ministrations of the Church; the work is even more pressing. The Clergy as a rule are doing all that they can do; the Bishops, as is abundantly testified by the necrology of the past year or two, are doing more than they can, and passing away, borne down by the too heavy load which burdens their lives. The need of workers is great. Where shall they be found, and how shall they be used when found? As we look at the various parishes in the country, we find that as a rule the laity are not doing their part of work in the promotion of the cause of Christ in the land. We do not mean that the laity are absolutely idle; the army of Sunday School teachers, of members of sewing societies and guilds would rise up and refute us, should we make such a statement. The laity are doing some work, but we are forced to believe and state that they are not doing all or even a small part of what they ought to do. Nor is it their fault, for the Church has been strangely silent on the subject of the layman's duty, and it may be truly said that, at present, the Sunday School is the only field open to an energetic layman. "Give us something to do and tell us how to do it," is the cry which is coming to us from many an enthusiastic young man who, kept by circumstances from the work of the priesthood, does not feel that he will be doing his whole duty if he comes to Church twice on Sunday. Single handed he can do very little, and the Church provides nothing for him. It is true that he may become a lay-reader in the course of time, but he wants to do more than read, and he feels that license to read the service will only be of benefit to him when he has brought others to Christ and taught them something about the service of the Sanctuary.

Looking carefully over the ground, we find two kinds of work which need to be done and which cannot be done by the clergy. There is first distinctively lay work. Now the general idea is that a layman's duty is done when he comes to Church and gives his share towards the various objects laid before him from the pulpit. But there is much more for him to do. He is bound as a Christian to be an active worker in proclaiming the glad tidings. He has a power and a responsibility peculiarly his own. The clergy have it not and cannot have it because of their position. Mr. J. L. Hough-teling in a paper read before the Church Congress in Louisville, October, 1887, says of the clergy: "Moreover there has grown up in the world an antagonism to them. Men outside the Church openly avow, and men inside have an unformulated and unavowed feeling that their cry in the wilderness is *professional*." This statement, coming as it does from one who is eminently qualified to speak upon the subject, is weighty and we know that it is true. In rebuking business sins, in checking profanity and evil talk, in discountenancing social sin, laymen have a power which clergymen do not possess. The work of bringing men into the Church belongs largely to laymen, for the reason that, if they will take the interest and trouble, they will have certainly as much and perhaps more influence than clergymen. The work of teaching Sunday School is necessarily lay work and can be done only by the laity. But it is not necessary for your committee to declare what lay work is, nor is it necessary for them to suggest that laymen be taught their duties. We would rather respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Convention plans for setting at work under the direction of the authorities those who are already prepared for work. It is

wise, wherever it is practicable, to use means that have already been tried with success. To this end the committee begs leave to call the attention of the Convention to the society known as the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. This organization is fairly well established; it is successful so far as it has gone; there are wide possibilities for growth, and it has the advantage of being widely spread throughout the country. To begin a chapter in a parish it is necessary to have only two laymen who will promise to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and to exert themselves for the same object. Let the laymen who are members of this Convention examine the organization of this society and use their influence to have a chapter in every parish in the Diocese, let the Clergy give all the aid possible, and before long we will have a body of layworkers doing much good for the cause of Christ.

In addition to this distinctively lay work there is work which may be called, for want of a better term, semi-clerical. In our Diocese there are many places where the Church is not strong enough to support a clergyman, and there are some parishes where the work is too much for one man and not enough for two. Under such circumstances the Church has provided for the appointment of lay-readers and given them certain rights and duties. It has been suggested, however, that there already exists a clerical order called the Order of Deacons, to fill this very need. The "Report upon the Revival of the Primitive Diaconate" (pages 51-52, Journal '87.) brings the matter before the Convention. The Canon to be submitted contains the following suggestions. It places the duty of providing for these semi-clerical needs upon the laity. "Seek ye out" men who are to be set over this business. It provides for the limitation of the exercise of Diaconate to the parish in which the Deacon is elected, and further declares that he shall not be required to give up his secular calling. The proposed Canon differs from the existing Canon of the General Convention on the perpetual Diaconate in that it limits the field of action of the Deacon to the parish in which he was ordained. It further takes the direction of the Deacon out of the hands of the Bishop and places it in the hands of the Priest of the Parish. The proposed Canon does not touch the question of supplying the parishes and missions which are too small to support a Priest. The whole question is worthy of the most careful consideration and thoughtful action. The Church needs the workers both lay and clerical. To further this end the Committee begs leave to propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Convention, feeling the need of united and vigorous lay work, suggests that every parish in the Diocese examines the Constitution and workings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and, where it is practicable, establish a Chapter of that organization.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider the restoration of the Primitive Diaconate and to report to the next Convention.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF.
J. N. RIPEY.
WILLIAM MORRALL.

The report was accepted and the appended resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Mr. N. P. Loveridge the order of business was suspended.

On motion of Mr. N. P. Loveridge the report of the Special Committee on Diocesan School, appointed at Grand Rapids, be now received.

Report received. (See subsequent report and action thereon.)

On motion of Rev. J. W. Bancroft that part of the Bishop's address relative to the "Akeley Gift" was referred to a Committee of four Clergymen and four Laymen.

The Bishop appointed the following as such committee.

Mr. Thos. A. Parish, Chairman, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Hon. N. P. Loveridge, Hon. W. B. Williams, Mr. E. F. Sweet.

On motion the report of the special committee above referred to was referred to this committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp that part of the Bishop's address on legislation was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Dr. G. H. Cleveland offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Akeley Gift report to-morrow, June 7, at 10 a. m.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Dr. G. H. Cleveland a committee of Laymen was appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy and condolence in behalf of the Clergyman in affliction mentioned in the Bishop's address of last evening.

On motion of the Secretary the following message was sent to the Convention of the Diocese of Indiana :

To the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana :

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, now in session at Grand Haven, sends greeting to the

Convention of Indiana at its Semi-Centennial Celebration, and would affectionately join with them in the devout ascription, Ephesians III., 20 and 21.

REV. J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

To which the following reply was subsequently received :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 7, 1888.

To the Rev. J. N. Rippey, Secretary :

Semi-Centennial Convention returns greeting of Western Michigan with grateful affection. *Sursum corda.*

WILLIS D. ENGLE, Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Fair offered the following :

Resolved, That this Convention hereby authorizes its Secretary to send a telegram of fraternal greeting to the Diocese of Michigan, now in session at Jackson, and of sincere sympathy to that of Fond du Lac in its great and sore bereavement.

Which was adopted.

The Secretary, in pursuance of the above instruction, sent the following telegrams to the Bishop of Michigan and to the President of the Diocese of Fond du Lac :

GRAND HAVEN, MICH., June 6, 1888.

To the Bishop of Michigan, Jackson, Michigan :

The Diocese of Western Michigan sends fraternal greetings. Ephesians, Chapter VI., Verses 23-24.

(Signed.)

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

GRAND HAVEN, MICH., June 6, 1888.

To the President of the Convention of Fond du Lac :

The Diocese of Western Michigan sends fraternal greetings, and desires to express her deep sympathy in the loss of their Beloved Bishop.

(Signed.)

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

On motion a recess was taken till half past seven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 7:30 p. m.

Convention assembled and was opened with a missionary service by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Jones and Woodruff.

The Secretary asked permission to appoint an assistant. He appointed Mr. H. B. Lewis.

The Bishop announced the following committees:

Committee to consider the subject of the Primitive Diaconate: Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Dr. G. H. Cleveland, Mr. C. W. Calkins.

Committee to draft resolutions of sympathy with the Rev. J. B. Pritchard: Dr. G. H. Cleveland, Mr. Geo. D. Sanford.

The Rev. R. E. Jones presented and read the report of the Board of Missions for the past year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions elected by the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan met at St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, June 8, 1887; the Board was organized by the election of the Rev. R. E. Jones as Secretary and Mr. D. G. Robinson as Treasurer.

During the year five meetings have been held. At the second meeting, held at Grand Rapids, July 21, 1887, the appropriations for the year were voted. A preamble and resolutions were adopted expressing the regret of the Board at the departure from the service of its former members, the Rev. D. D. Chapin, the Rev. C. C. Tate and the Rev. F. C. Coolbaugh.

At the second meeting, held at Grand Rapids, October 17, 1887, a vacancy having occurred by the departure from the Diocese of the Rev. G. W. West, the Board received notice from the Standing Committee that it had appointed the Rev. J. R. Taylor to fill the vacancy.

The business of the fourth meeting, held at Battle Creek, April 10, 1888, and of the fifth meeting, held at Grand Haven, June 5, 1888, with unmentioned details of previous meetings, appears in the work of the Board below.

The Rev. G. W. S. Ayres, Missionary at Holland and Whitehall has removed.

The Rev. B. A. Brown, after four years of effective service at Albion, during which time a well appointed church was built, replacing that destroyed by fire, has gone to other fields, followed by the good wishes of his Parish and the Clergy of the Diocese.

The Rev. D. D. Chapin, of Allegan, has also removed; he is missed as a member of the Board and by the Diocese at large.

The Rev. James A. McGlone, of Mt. Pleasant, has removed, and was succeeded by the Rev. F. C. Lee, who, after a few months of successful work, renounced the ministry and was deposed, according to the Canon. His place was at once taken by the Rev. N. S. Boardman, whom we heartily welcome among us.

The Rev. Artemas Wetherbee, of Union City, has taken duty in the Diocese of Iowa.

The Mission at Manistee has been taken by Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, whose effective work has brought the prospects of a church building into the near future.

At Petoskey, the Rev. C. T. Stout has taken charge, and has been blessed with abundant success, and is about to build a church.

At Saugatuck, the Rev. A. E. Wells has become Rector, with a grant from the Board; we are glad to welcome him also as a fellow laborer.

At Greenville, the Rev. Robert Lynn, of Ionia, sustains services.

At various points through the Diocese the Clergy maintain missionary services without expense to the Board. The work reported last year has been faithfully carried on with encouraging returns. During mid-summer, services were maintained at Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Traverse City by various Clergymen.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft has continued his faithful labors as General Missionary, and is so overburdened with labor that a Second General Missionary should be appointed at once.

The following Parishes and Missions received aid from the Board: Albion, Mt. Pleasant, Ludington, Petoskey, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Saugatuck, Quincy and Greenville.

All stations receiving aid from the General Board of Missions are also helped by the Diocesan Board.

Further particulars and reports of mission work of more than one year's standing may be found in the address of the Bishop.

The circular and assignments of the Apportionment Committee, with the balance sheet of the Church Helper, are incorporated as parts of this report as appendices A, B, and C.

We close the year with congratulations that the work is in so good a condition, but with regrets that more can not be done to avail ourselves of the opportunities that are everywhere presenting themselves to advance the interests of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. JONES, Secretary.

Report received.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was presented and read by Mr. D. G. Robinson; also the list of unpaid pledges; the accounts of the Bishop's Trust Fund; the Book and Tract Fund; the New Book Fund; the Church Building Fund; the Deaf Mute Fund, and the American Church Building Fund.

REPORT.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Diocesan Mission Fund.

1887.	Dr.
June 7, Cash on hand as per last report.....	\$ 989 40
Received from F. A. Gorham, Treasurer, interest on Permanent Missionary Fund.....	206 31
“ “ Domestic Missions for General Missionary...	550 00
“ “ Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md., per Rev. R. H. Paine.....	5 00
“ “ S. Seymour, Manistee.....	10 00
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"	"	A Church woman, Centerville.....	5 00
"	"	St. James', Albion.....	1 21
"	"	Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	20 00
"	"	St. Thomas', Battle Creek.....	100 00
"	"	St. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	56 25
"	"	St. Mark's, Coldwater, \$60, S. S. \$20.....	80 00
"	"	St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, \$600, S. S. \$50.....	650 00
"	"	" " " " special.....	100 00
"	"	" Paul's, " ".....	13 00
"	"	Emmanuel, Hastings, \$60, S. S. \$5.....	65 00
"	"	Grace, Holland.....	14 34
"	"	St. John's, Ionia.....	30 00
"	"	St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	300 00
"	"	St. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	4 13
"	"	Grace, Ludington.....	5 01
"	"	Trinity, Marshall.....	100 00
"	"	All Saints', Saugatuck.....	15 00
"	"	Grace, Traverse City.....	10 00
"	"	Redeemer, Whitehall.....	1 00
"	"	St. Matthew's, Baldwin.....	5 00
"	"	Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.....	10 00
"	"	Christ Church, Charlevoix.....	23 80
"	"	St. Paul's, Greenville.....	12 70
"	"	St. John's, Harbor Springs.....	27 31
"	"	Kalkaska.....	8 37
"	"	St. Paul's, Manistee.....	7 00
"	"	Mendon.....	6 00
"	"	St. John's, Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00
"	"	St. Mark's, Newaygo.....	10 00
"	"	St. James', Pentwater.....	7 60
"	"	St. John's, Quincy.....?	5 00
"	"	Grace, Stanton.....	20 45
"	"	Luther.....	9 15
"	"	St. Paul's, Muskegon \$40, S. S. \$10.....	50 00
"	"	East Jordan.....	12 63
"	"	Emmanuel, Petoskey.....	39 04
"	"	St. James', Rockford.....	3 38
"	"	Grace, Charlotte.....	11 60
"	"	St. John's, Grand Haven.....	5 59
"	"	Morley.....	4 45
"	"	Trinity, Niles.....	27 85
"	"	H. C.....	2 00
"	"	E. F. Sweet.....	10 00
"	"	Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	14 00
"	"	Rev. M. Morris.....	5 00
"	"	Rev. J. Rice Taylor.....	2 00
"	"	Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.....	5 00
"	"	J. F. Montgomery.....	5 00
"	"	Woman's Auxillary, Muskegon.....	10 00
"	"	St. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	30 00
"	"	J. B. Prichard.....	1 25
"	"	W. J. Dibble.....	10 00
"	"	Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	10 00

Total..... \$ 3,772 72

CONTRA.

		Cr.
Paid	Rev. F. C. Lee, stipend and expenses.....	\$ 157 12
"	General Missionary, stipend and expenses.....	1,200 00
"	Rev. D. D. Chapin, special.....	50 00
"	J. A. McGlone, stipend.....	81 25
Transferred	to Book and Tract Fund.....	35 00
"	" Deaf Mute ".....	100 00
"	Mrs. Fuller's donation made for needy churches to } Church Building Fund for the Diocese of Western } Michigan.....	100 00
"	from Permanent Missionary Interest Fund to Church } Building Fund Western Michigan.....	50 00
Paid	Rev. J. N. Rippey for missionary services up north.....	40 00
"	" W. C. Hopkins for same.....	40 00
"	" W. H. Van Antwerp for same.....	30 00
"	" G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., stipend.....	150 00
"	" J. B. Prichard ".....	250 00
"	" M. Morris ".....	50 00
"	" B. A. Brown ".....	160 00
"	" M. S. Woodruff, stipend \$200, expenses \$1.25.....	201 25
"	" C. T. Stout, stipend.....	112 50
"	" Henry Hughes, stipend.....	50 00
"	" N. S. Boardman, stipend and expenses.....	55 33
"	" A. E. Wells, stipend.....	16 67
"	" J. Rice Taylor, special.....	100 00
"	" W. D. Hamilton, services at Paw Paw.....	15 00
"	" Julia M. Hadley, Secretary of Woman's Auxiliary.....	10 00
"	" J. W. Bancroft for clerical services on Church Helper.....	50 00
"	" Robert Lynn for services and expenses rendered at Green- } ville.....	25 00
"	" A. Wetherbee for services at Three Rivers.....	12 00
"	" R. E. Jones, Secretary's expense account.....	5 00
June	1888, Treasurer's account for postage, etc.....	3 58
June	1888, Balance on hand carried to new account.....	726 52
	Total.....	\$ 3,751 47
June	1888, Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 726 52

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

BISHOP'S TRUST FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Bishop's Trust Fund.

		Dr.
1887.		
June 7.	Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$ 88 83
	Balance of interest on certificates of deposit - - -	30
	Received from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md, per Rev. } R. H. Paine	10 00
	Received from Miss Hess, temporary loan - - -	5 00
	" " Rev. Luther Pardce - - -	10 00
	" " Anna L. Beason - - -	25 00
1888.		
June 5.	Certificate of deposit \$150, interest on same \$4.28 - - -	154 28
	" " " in Hastings City Bank - - -	100 00
	Total - - - - -	\$ 363 41

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

CONTRA.

1887-8.			Cr.
June and January,	Paid Bishop Gillespie bills of items	-	\$ 27 32
September 24,	" " Order for expense of Convocation held at Benton Harbor	}	15 00
November 5,	" Dennis & Slingerland bill for sundry blanks	-	7 50
" 11,	" Expense of Clergy, Semi-Annual Convocation, held at Ionia	}	30 00
" 12,	" James Pott & Co., bill 25 copies Pastor in Closet	}	11 86
December 14,	" Loomis & Onderdonk 1,000 Pastoral Letters	-	8 50
" 19,	" James Pott & Co. for almanacs and cards	-	5 50
" 21,	" T. Whittaker bill for cards	-	1 75
January 26,	" J. S. Dygert's bill of Nov. 30th	-	2 50
February 6,	" Expense of Clergy at Kalamazoo attending quiet day	}	30 00
" 24,	" Rev. C. C. Tiffany, N. Y., for Washburn Memorial Association	}	10 00
" 29,	" Harry W. Perkins, Nashotah	-	12 50
March 7,	" M. H. Mallory & Co. for subscription to the Churchman to be sent to a Clergyman	}	3 00
April 10,	" Expense of Clergy attending Convocation held at Battle Creek	}	35 00
May 12,	" E. & J. B. Young's bill for the Schools	-	3 99
" 16,	" " " of April 20th.	-	52
June 5,	Certificate of deposit in Hastings City Bank	-	100 00
" 7,	Balance on hand to new account	-	88 54
Balance on hand			\$ 88 54

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Book and Tract Fund.

1887.			
June 7,	Balance in hand	-	\$ 12 68
	Received from Diocesan Mission Fund	-	25 00
	Balance due Treasurer carried to new account	-	6 47
			\$ 34 10
1887.			
September 12,	Paid T. Whittaker's bill for Holland	-	\$ 8 10
" 22,	" " " " East Jordan	-	4 00
Nov. 8 and March 28, '88,	" Bishop's orders to Rev. C. T. Stout	-	22 00
February 20,	" Rev. A. R. Graves for tracts	-	3 00
April 7,	" Bishop's order to Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.	}	7 00
" 13,	" Bishop's order to Rev. Henry Hughes	-	10 00
			\$ 54 10

1888.			
June 7,	" Balance due Treasurer	-	\$ 6 47

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

NEW BOOK FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with New Book Fund.

1887.									
June 7, Balance on hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	46	07
Received from Mrs. J. S. Hiester	-	-	-	-	-	-		5	00
" " Capt. J. L. Fowler, Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-		5	00
							\$	56	07
1888.									
June 8, Paid Eaton & Lyon as per vouchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	17	86
" Bishop Gillespie "	-	-	-	-	-	-		8	75
" G. W. & C. B. Colton & Co. bill of map	-	-	-	-	-	-		13	68
Balance on hand carried forward to new account								20	79
							\$	56	07
June 7, '88, Balance on hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	20	79

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with American Church Building Fund.

1887.									
June 7, Cash on hand	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$2	00
Nov. 14, Received from Emmanuel Church, Hastings	-	-	-	-	-	-		6	92
								\$8	92
Dec. 27, Paid R. Fulton Cutting, Treasurer, N. Y.	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$8	92
June 7, 1888.									

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Church Building Fund, Diocese of Western Michigan.

Mrs. Aurelia G. Fuller, donation made for needy churches, Western Michigan									\$100 00
From a church woman	-	-	-	-	-	-		100	00
" Interest of Permanent Missionary Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-		50	00
Christ Church, Charlevoix, Epiphany offerings	-	-	-	-	-	-		2	50
Emmanuel, Hastings	-	-	-	-	-	-		3	70
St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Epiphany offerings	-	-	-	-	-	-		7	00
Trinity " Niles	-	-	-	-	-	-		4	00
St. Paul's S. S. Muskegon	-	-	-	-	-	-		3	50
St. James' " Pentwater	-	-	-	-	-	-			05
St. Andrew's " Big Rapids	-	-	-	-	-	-		5	41
St. Mark's " Grand Rapids	-	-	-	-	-	-		37	66
Miss Gillespie's S. S. Class, Grand Rapids, for Petoskey	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	93
Mrs. D. F. Tollman, from S. S., Stanton	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	75
Children of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Reynolds, Lansing, Easter offering	-	-	-	-	-	-		18	07
From a church woman	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	00
" Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D., for Holland	-	-	-	-	-	-		50	00
" St. John's Church, Saginaw City, for church building, in Diocese of Western Michigan, per Rev. B. F. Matrau, \$87.24, S. S. \$2.10	-	-	-	-	-	-		39	34
" Church of Transfiguration S. S., Philadelphia, per Rev. Sidney Corbett, D. D.	-	-	-	-	-	-		10	02
								\$440	53

CONTRA.

	Cr.
Paid C. A. Stevenson, Treasurer, for church building, Holland	\$139 34
" Rev. J. W. Bancroft to apply on purchase of church lot at Luther	175 00
June 7, '88, Balance on hand carried forward	128 19
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	\$440 53
June 7, 1888, Balance on hand	\$126 19

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

DEAF MUTE FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In Account with Deaf Mute Fund.

1887.	Dr.
June, Received from Board of Missions	\$100 00
" " Good Shepherd, Allegan	8 00
" " St. Paul's, Muskegon	3 90
" " All Saints', Saugatuck	4 09
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	\$115 99

CONTRA.

1887.	Cr.
June 7, Balance due Treasurer	\$ 9 88
June 7, '88, Paid Rev. A. W. Munn. stipend	100 00
Balance on hand carried to new account	6 11
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	\$115 99

June 7, '88, Balance on hand	\$ 6 11
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D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

LIST OF UNPAID PLEDGES AND WHEN MADE.

1875,	Rev. S. H. Woodford	\$ 5 00
1882,	H. D. Pessell, Quincy	5 00
'82-'3-'4,	All Saints', Saugatuck (balance)	5 53
1883,	St. John's, Grand Haven	24 41
'88 & '87,	Grace, Grand Rapids	115 00
'89-'4-'5-'7,	St. John's, Quincy	10 73
'83 & '85,	Good Shepherd (now Trinity) Grand Rapids	34 50
1883,	Thomas Price	5 00
1884,	Mendon	4 00
'86 & '87,	Good Shepherd, Allegan	10 00
'86,	Trinity, Three Rivers	5 10
1887,	St. James', Albion	13 79
"	Christ, Homer (made conditional by Rev. B. A. Brown)	15 00
"	St. Paul's, Manistee	8 00
"	St. James', Rockford	1 62
"	T. J. Knapp, D. D.	25 00
"	A. P. Greenleaf	5 00
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		\$232 55

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HELPER.

To the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Western Michigan :

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1887—Cash in hand.....	\$106 43
From subscribers.....	273 22
" Advertising.....	17 75
" Appropriation by the Board of Missions.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 446 40
Expenditures.....	246 11
June 4, 1888—Cash in hand.....	\$ 100 29

The showing is not materially changed from last year. The circulation also is about the same as stated in last Report. In many instances there is a slight increase of subscribers, and in a few cases there is a material falling off.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, Managing Editor.

HASTINGS, June 4, 1888.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE PARISHES BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., May 19, 1888.

The Board of Missions, in compliance with the request of the Convention of 1883, and in accord with the plan adopted by it annually since that time, has appointed the undersigned a committee to apportion to the various Parishes and Missions in the Diocese the sum needed for Diocesan Missions during the ensuing conventional year, and has also fixed the total sum which will be needed for such purposes at \$2,200.

The committee has performed its duty and apportioned to your _____ the sum of \$_____.

It is hoped that this is the *lowest* amount which will be pledged by your deputies at the coming convention. The sum asked for by the Board is none too great to enable it to carry on the work which it is called upon to do. A second General Missionary is needed in order that services and attention may be given at points which it is now impossible to reach with but one missionary. At one place, in particular, an offer has been made of a desirable lot and substantial aid toward the erection of a church building, but these will not avail unless services and aid can also be promised by the Board.

The stipends which the Board has been able to grant each year to some of the Missions should be increased, but the most pressing need is for the new work, which it can undertake only when it has sufficient means at its command.

Will you please give this the necessary attention and have your delegates instructed and authorized to pledge at the convention a sum not less than the apportionment stated above. If your Parish or Mission will not be represented at the convention, its pledge can be made in writing to the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. D. G. Robinson, Hastings, Mich.

Very Respectfully Yours,

REV. J. N. RIPPY,
E. F. SWEET,
F. A. GORHAM,
Committee.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS APPORTIONED TO PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

1888.

PARISHES.	MISSIONS.
Albion, St. James'.....\$ 10 00	Baldwin, St. Matthew's.....\$ 5 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd..... 25 00	Benton Harbor..... 10 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'.... 120 00	Charlevoix..... 25 00
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's..... 45 00	Charlotte, Grace..... 15 00
Coldwater, St. Mark's..... 80 00	East Jordan..... 5 00
Elk Rapids, St. Paul's... .. 30 00	Greenville, St. Paul's..... 10 00
Grand Haven, St. John's..... 30 00	Harbor Springs..... 25 00
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's... . 700 00	Kalkaska..... 5 00
Grand Rapids, St. Paul's .. . 10 00	Luther..... 5 00
Grand Rapids, Grace..... 65 00	Manistee, St. Paul's..... 5 00
Grand Rapids, Trinity..... 15 00	Manton..... 3 00
Hastings, Emmanuel..... 65 00	Morley..... 5 00
Holland, Grace..... 5 00	Mt. Pleasant, St. John's..... 20 00
Homer, Christ..... 15 00	Newaygo, St. Mark's..... 20 00
Ionla, St. John's..... 25 00	Pentwater, St. James'..... 10 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's..... 400 00	Petosky..... 10 00
Ludington, Grace..... 5 00	Quincy, St. John's .. . 10 00
Marshall, Trinity..... 140 00	Rockford, St. James'..... 5 00
Muskegon, St. Paul's..... 70 00	Stanton..... 10 00
Niles, Trinity..... 25 00	Schoolcraft..... 5 00
Paw Paw, St. Mark's..... 10 00	
Saugatuck, All Saints'..... 15 00	
Three Rivers, Trinity..... 5 00	
Traverse City, Grace..... 25 00	
Union City, Grace .. . 10 00	
Whitehall, Redeemer..... 5 00	
	Total Missions. ....\$228 00
Total—Parishes .....\$1,970 00	
“ Missions..... 228 00	
Grand Total.....\$2,208 00	

On motion, the foregoing reports were received and referred to the proper committee.

Missionary addresses were made by the Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Dr. G. H. Cleveland and the Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

Pledges for Diocesan Missions were received from Parishes and Missions and from individuals. The pledges and amounts are herewith subjoined.

PARISHES.	S. S.
Allegan, Good Shepherd, - - - - -	\$25 00 10 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas', - - - - -	100 00
Big Rapids, St. Andrews', - - - - -	50 00
Coldwater, St. Mark's, - - - - -	60 00 20 00

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Elk Rapids, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	80 00	5 0
Grand Haven, St. John's,	-	-	-	-	80 00	
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's,	-	-	-	-	500 00	
Grand Rapids, Grace,	-	-	-	-	40 00	
Hastings, Emmanuel,	-	-	-	-	50 00	5 00
Holland, Grace,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Ionia, St. John's,	-	-	-	-	30 00	5 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's,	-	-	-	-	300 00	
Marshall, Trinity,	-	-	-	-	100 00	
Muskegon, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	55 00	15 00
Paw Paw, St. Mark's,	-	-	-	-	10 00	
Saugatuck, All Saints',	-	-	-	-	10 00	5 00

MISSIONS.

Benton Harbor,	-	-	-	-	10 00	S. S.
Charlotte, Grace,	-	-	-	-	15 00	2 00
Charlevoix,	-	-	-	-	35 00	
East Jordan,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Greenville, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	10 00	
Harbor Springs,	-	-	-	-	35 00	
Kalkaska,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Luther,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Manistee, St. Paul's,	-	-	-	-	20 00	
Morley,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Mt. Pleasant, St. John's,	-	-	-	-	30 00	
Pentwater, St. James',	-	-	-	-	10 00	5 00
Petoskey,	-	-	-	-	10 00	
Quincy, St. John's,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Schoolcraft,	-	-	-	-	5 00	

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

Geo. D. Sanford, Grand Haven, for Sunday School,	-	5 00
Hastings, individual, (D. G. Robinson)	-	5 00
Marshall, " (J. M. Parsons)	-	20 00
Rev. J. N. Rippey,	-	24 00
Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Grand Haven,	-	5 00
E. F. Sweet and family, Grand Rapids,	-	25 00
John Hiler, Grand Haven,	-	2 00
Mrs. Hancock, Grand Haven,	-	5 00
Sparta, individual,	-	1 00
Benton Harbor, individual, per Rev. G. C. V. Eastman,	-	5 00
Manistee, per Rev. Mr. Somerville,	-	5 00
Benton Harbor, Mr. A. Coates,	-	5 00
Total Pledges from all sources,	-	\$1,779 00

On motion, the Convention took a recess till half-past eight on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, June 7, 8:30 a. m.

The Convention assembled for Morning Prayer.

The Bishop was assisted in the service by the Rev. Messrs. Somerville, Wells and Boardman.

After Prayer, the Convention came to order for business, the Bishop in the chair.

The rolls of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following telegram was received from the Diocese of Michigan :

JACKSON, MICH., June 6, 1888.

To Right Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie :

The Diocese of Michigan, assembled in convention at St. Paul's Church, Jackson, sends fraternal greetings to the convention of our Daughter Diocese of Western Michigan, now assembled in the city of Grand Haven.

S. A. FRISBIE, Secretary.

The Convention proceeded to take up the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Committee on "Clerical Changes" not being ready to report, further time was granted.

The Chairman of the Committee on "Church Unity" not being present, the Report of the Committee on the Qualifications of Vestrymen was taken up.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft read the report of the committee.

The committee to which was assigned for consideration by the last convention the subject of the "Qualifications of Vestrymen" respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

Our subject naturally suggests the consideration of a prior question : What are the duties of vestrymen? What can they do in promoting the work of the Church? What is expected of them?

The best answer we know of is found on page 661, Journal of the General Convention of 1886. The Joint Committee on the Functions of Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen say of the Vestry : " Its especial functions are to act for the Parish in the safe-keeping and wise administration of the funds, income and buildings of the Parish: in case of a vacancy in the Rectorship, to take counsel of the Bishop, and diligently seek for a clergyman *adapted to the work and wants of that Parish*, with a view to his election to the Rectorship thereof; to take heed that the party electing, as well as the

party elected, has perfect understanding of the canonical permanency and powers of Rectorship, and knows that the terms of "the call" make an abiding legal contract, to be stated in the call and entered of record; to arrange for the collection and payment, with honorable punctuality and conscientiousness, of all salaries mutually agreed upon, until mutually and lawfully readjusted; to provide all things necessary and convenient for the use of the Church, in such times, ways and offices as are agreeable to the fundamental law for Rector and people both,—the Book of Common Prayer; to encourage and strengthen the Rector, by attendance, commendation and co-operation in his efforts to make such full, fair and attractive presentation of the Church in its beauty of holiness, as avoids alike occasion of offense to those without, and distress to those within, so doing all things to edification; to second the Rector, in like manner, in all his well-planned methods of developing and increasing the spiritual, social and physical welfare of his people, through friendly visiting, religious services, societies, Sunday Schools, and the like, ever remembering their office as chosen helpers unto the Kingdom of God."

If this be a true outline of the functions of Vestrymen; if the range of their duties is such that they are at once representatives and agents of the congregation, and helpers of the pastorate, of Christ's flock; if they are expected to discharge faithfully not only the duties of their common, lay priesthood, but also responsible in a measure, though indirectly, for the duties of the official priesthood, does it not follow logically that they must have in corresponding measure the qualifications requisite for the higher ministrations devolving on them as well as those of the lower?

Under the existing provisions of our Diocesan Canons, (Canon IX, Sec. 3) the only qualification required for eligibility to the office of Vestryman in this Church is that of being "a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected." And a qualified voter is described as "a stated worshipper, and either owning or renting a seat in church, or regularly contributing to its support." By "stated worshipper" we may understand one who with more or less frequency attends the public services of the Church. So that it is possible canonically to have Vestrymen, officers in the Church of God, who are in no sense members of that Church. This certainly is an anomaly in human societies. There is no social order, club, lodge, league, board, society or party in the wide world that would put in official position a person not locally affiliated with such society or order. The first condition of eligibility to official station is that one shall have complied with the universal terms of admission into the body which would avail of such an one's services. He must have to show on demand some token of identification with the society which he is empowered to represent. This is so perfectly obvious that it were superfluous to argue it. And we can not conceive that any other practice may rightfully obtain in the Church, that Divine Society whose expressed object it is to gather all mankind into its Catholic membership. The Church's one business is to *grow* by adding one penitent, faithful soul after another to the ranks of the baptized into Christ. Vain is it for the ambassador of Christ to to press the first precept of the Apostolic preaching, "Repent and be baptized every one of you," when the hearer can ask in all seriousness, "Can not I, without being baptized, be as good a man and as useful a worker in the Church of Christ as such or such an honored Vestryman, who, it is well known, has never been baptized?"

Your committee, therefore, recommends an amendment of Canon IX., Section 3, so that it will read:

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected Vestryman who is not a baptized member of the Church and a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
CAMPBELL FAIR.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Chairman of Committee on "Admitting Churches into union with the Diocese" had no report to make, no business having come before them.

The Committee on the Report of the "Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan" presented their report, which was read by the Chairman, the Rev. M. S. Woodruff.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Report of the "Association of the Diocese," having examined the report and the vouchers, find them correct, and recommend their acceptance by the Convention.

They would further offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the present financial condition of the Diocese does not call for the acceptance of the gift of \$1,025.00 generously tendered by the Bishop;

Resolved, That this Convention deems it wrong in principle to receive moneys at the hands of the Bishop, lessening the amount which should be raised in payment of his salary; the money should be raised in full, and gifts by the Bishop should be given in a manner not to relieve the Diocese from its obligations to its Diocesan. It is not an edifying spectacle before the Church to allow deductions from the Bishop's salary when the money can be paid, and the Diocese suffers from a practice of this sort.

REV. M. S. WOODRUFF,
REV. R. E. JONES,
MR. J. M. PARSONS,
MR. CHAS. F. BOCK,
MR. C. S. HAZELTINE.
Committee.

The report was received and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

Mr. F. A. Gorham offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the assessment of the Parishes for the ensuing year the Committee having charge of the same be hereby instructed to ask such increase in the stronger Parishes of the Diocese as will enable the Association of the Diocese to pay in full the Bishop's salary.

Which was adopted.

The order of the day having been reached, the Chairman of the Committee on the Diocesan School for Girls presented their report, which was received.

Mr. W. N. Brown offered the following :

Resolved, That those members of the Committee on the Akeley Gift, appointed by the Bishop and residing in Grand Haven, be given seats in this Convention during the consideration of this subject.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Judge Williams, the report of the Committee on the Akeley Gift was taken up by paragraphs.

On motion, the Convention went into the Committee of the Whole on the subject, with Hon. Wm. B. Williams in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole rose.

The Convention resumed business.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported its action.

The Report of the Committee on the Diocesan School for Girls was adopted as amended in the Committee of the Whole, as follows :

REPORT.

To the Right Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D., and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan :

GENTLEMEN :—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the special committee appointed by the Bishop at Grand Rapids, and reported to the Convention, beg leave to report that it be returned to the Convention with the recommendation that the report be adopted.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Bishop to report, at the earliest possible moment, to this Convention, suitable names for Trustees of Akeley College, and the committee recommend for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention hereby accepts the gift of the property known as the "Akeley Property," situated in the city of Grand Haven, and particularly described in a deed, dated November 18th, 1887, executed by Hettie E. Akeley to the Association of

the Diocese of Western Michigan, and recorded in the Register's Office of Ottawa County, in Liber 67, of Deeds, page 211.

And this Convention does hereby authorize the said Association to receive the said property, and to use the same for the purposes named in the deed aforesaid, and hereby ratifies the acceptance of said property by the said Association.

REV. T. J. KNAPP, D. D.,	MR. T. A. PARISH, Chairman.
REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D.,	REV. J. W. BANCROFT,
MR. NOAH P. LOVERIDGE.	REV. WM. MORRALL,
	MR. E. F. SWEET,
	MR. WM. B. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

GRAND HAVEN, MICH., June 5th, 1888.

To the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., and Members of the 14th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan :

GENTLEMEN :—Your committee, to whom was referred the acceptance of the property deeded by Mr. Healey C. Akeley to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, for educational purposes, in the city of Grand Haven, beg leave to report.

1. That the property deeded by Mrs. Hettie E. Akeley to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan be by said Association received and accepted.

2. That a committee be appointed by this Convention to tender to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Akeley the sincere and appreciative thanks of the Association for their valuable and generous gift to the Diocese, and through it to the cause of education.

3. That the name of the Institution shall be "Akeley College."

4. That the building now on the premises shall be named "Blanche Hall" of Akeley College, as a memorial to the memory of Blanche Alice Akeley, the deceased daughter of the generous donors of the property.

5. That the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars be raised as an endowment fund.

6. The number of the Trustees shall be fifteen, of which the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan shall be ex officio President.

7. They further recommend the appointment of a committee of three by the President of the Convention, who shall draft articles of association, and take all necessary steps to perfect the organization of the College, in accordance with the laws of the State, the Canons, rules and regulations of this Diocese.

8. The election of a Board of Trustees, of whom not less than two-thirds shall be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, now assembled, who shall hold their offices as follows, viz: 3 for one year; 3 for two years; 3 for three years; 3 for four years and 3 for five years. The Diocese of Western Michigan shall, at its annual convention, hereafter elect three Trustees, who shall hold their office for five years.

9. We also submit herewith, and as a part of this report, the proceedings of a meeting of the committee held in St. Mark's Chapel, Grand Rapids, January 4th, 1888.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE :

MR. THOMAS A. PARISH, Grand Haven, Chairman.
 MR. DWIGHT CUTLER, Grand Haven.
 MR. GEO. A. STICKNEY, Grand Haven.
 MR. GEO. B. MCBRIDE, Grand Haven.
 MR. G. W. A. SMITH, Grand Haven.
 REV. J. T. KNAPP, D. D., Grand Rapids.
 MR. E. F. SWEET, Grand Rapids.
 MR. C. S. HAZELTINE, M. D., Grand Rapids.
 HON. H. F. SEVERENS, Kalamazoo.
 MR. SIDNEY S. MORRIS, Muskegon.
 MR. JOHN TORRENT, Muskegon.
 REV. J. W. BANCROFT, Hastings.
 HON. GEO. WILLARD, Battle Creek.
 MR. W. N. BROWN, Mt. Pleasant.
 MR. W. J. DIBBLE, Marshall.
 MR. PHILIP A. PADGHAM, Allegan.
 MR. C. W. NOTTINGHAM, Big Rapids.
 HON. N. P. LOVERIDGE, Coldwater.
 MR. H. H. NOBLE, Elk Rapids.

The following are the minutes of the meeting held in St. Mark's Chapel, Grand Rapids, above referred to :

Pursuant to a call made by Bishop Gillespie, a meeting was held on the 4th of January, in St. Mark's Chapel, Grand Rapids, Mich., to consider the gift of Hon. H. C. Akeley of his residence to the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Bishop Gillespie presided and Rev. Dr. T. J. Knapp was appointed Secretary.

The roll was called and the following gentlemen responded as present :

RT. REV. GEO. D. GILLESPIE, D. D., Hon. H. F. Severens, Rev. J. N. Rippey, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair, Mr. Fred A. Gorham, Mr. W. J. Stewart, Mr. W. R. Shelby, Mr. W. A. Tateum, Mr. S. S. Morris, Mr. Thomas A. Parish, Mr. George D. Sanford, Mr. John Macfie, Hon. Geo. A. Farr, Mr. Geo. A. Stickney, Mr. G. W. A. Smith, Hon. Dwight Cutler, Editor A. S. Kedzie, Rev. Dr. T. J. Knapp, Rev. S. Woodford, Dr. Hazeltine.

The Bishop gave a brief history of the present status of the property.

Some general remarks were made as to this body, assembled, being competent to take any definite action prior to the meeting of the Diocese in convention, next June, the 5th. The sentiment prevailed that the Diocese only could accept the gift, and, hence, all that was done previous to the meeting of the Diocese would be anticipatory.

The following resolution, passed unanimously, was introduced by Mr. W. R. Shelby :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Trustees of the Diocese shall accept the munificent gift of the property deeded to it by the Hon. H. C. Akeley, and in order that the purposes for which the property was given may be successfully carried

out, that the proceedings of this meeting be presented to the Diocese at its first meeting in June next, when the whole question can be accepted and decided by the Diocese. And be it further

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present this matter to the convention, and to raise a fund to carry on the school, or endow the same, and to submit to the convention a full and complete scheme for the organization and carrying on of the same.

It was also moved and sustained that "a committee in Grand Haven be appointed to look after the property and also be authorized to raise funds for an endowment."

The following gentlemen were appointed on that committee: Mr. Thos. A. Parish, Hon. Dwight Cutler, Messrs. Geo. A. Stickney, J. McBride and G. W. A. Smith.

After a free interchange of ideas, and a unanimous expression of thanks for the grand gift, the meeting was declared adjourned.

RT. REV. GEO. D. GILLESPIE, D. D., Chairman.

REV. DR. J. T. KNAPP, Secretary.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., January 4th, 1888.

The President appointed the following members a committee to nominate Trustees: Rev. J. W. Bancroft and Messrs. E. F. Sweet and N. P. Loveridge.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp, a committee of three was appointed to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Akeley the cordial thanks and appreciation of this Diocese.

The Gloria in Excelsis was then sung, after which the Bishop alluded to the memorial character of the gift in an affecting address, and conveyed to Mr. Akeley, who was present, the hearty thanks of all.

The President appointed on Dr. Knapp's resolution the following committee: Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., and Messrs. Charles S. Hazeltine and C. F. Bock.

The regular order of business was resumed.

The Committee on Christian Education made their report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

One of the most important questions of to-day is our duty in regard to the education of the children of the church, and how we are going to fulfill it; for we must admit that the care, and instruction, and salvation of Christ's children were committed to the church by Him, in His own words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and, "Feed my lambs—feed my sheep."

Our little children must be instructed in the elements of Christian truth and practice, and there must be instruction suited to a more advanced age as well, that before our boys and girls come to

manhood and womanhood they may be "stablished, strengthened, settled" in the Christian Faith: "That our sons may grow up as the young plants, and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple."

Christian education is unquestionably the cultivation of all the powers of man, body, soul and spirit, to make him meet for Christ; and the system which omits the development of any part must be defective, in that it dwarfs the perfect man. This is one reason why the Sunday School does not fulfill the requirements, being merely religious instruction. An hour, once a week, curtailed, as it is necessarily is, by routine work, cannot possibly accomplish its purpose of impressing the Saviour's teaching, when all the other hours are opposed to it.

The Clergy have little time outside of Sunday Schools to devote to this work. Occasionally a little is done in parish schools, but nothing like what needs to be done.

But shall we look to the public schools to supply this need? I do not think their strongest and most devoted advocate would admit it. The public schools are a great power for good in our land, and well do they perform their special duty of training for secular life. But, as another has well said, "They lose sight of the individual in the class, while Christ demands the individual." The only way, therefore, to meet the question squarely, is not to supplant, but to supplement the public schools with purely Christian or church schools. In these, education should be dominated by the religion of the Saviour Jesus Christ. The teaching and practice of the Gospel should be at the basis of all instruction. By precept and example, the pupils should be led in the Saviour's way. The atmosphere would then be that of Christian influence, and the results would be incalculable.

This daily, hourly influence is far reaching. It not only affects the pupils themselves, but it passes beyond into homes, possibly irreligious and worldly, where it often inspires love and devotion for God's church, such as no other missionary could implant. The pupils of church schools, moreover, are singularly devoted to their *Alma Mater*. In a recent number of *THE CHURCHMAN* this feature is spoken of at some length. "They are the schools which are remembered enthusiastically and lovingly by those who have gone to them. They are the schools which leave an impress upon all the after life of their pupils. * * * It is the church school, whether for boys or girls, which seems from the first devoted to the task of making the pupils love it. * * * There is something in the ways of the church particularly fits it for this work of training the affections of the young, of enlisting the sympathies of the scholar for the teacher, and the teacher for the scholar." And if into this influence has entered the true Christian training of body, soul and spirit, what a power for good has gone forth into our land!

But when we have granted all this, another question arises: For whom shall these church schools be established? For our boys or for our girls? For both, undoubtedly, where it is possible. But in our busy, rushing American life, boys are anxious to go into business, to battle with the world, and their time for study is limited. The public schools, with their practical drill in the common branches, afford a fair preparation for business, while our colleges are a necessity if our sons are to embark in professional careers.

The question, therefore, is virtually answered in favor of church schools for girls, and I think experience goes to prove that these are of the highest importance, not only for the girls themselves, but

for the boys as well. For just consider a moment. Without going into the question of Women's Rights, what is the highest sphere or calling for woman? Is it not to be a wife and mother, the helpmeet and companion, the trainer and educator of man?

Since Jesus Christ was born of a woman, the condition of woman-kind has been elevated and ennobled. Because of this, she is now regarded as fit not only to be the mother of children, but also to have the care and training of children. Consequently, the early and impressionable years of children are spent with the mother. She is their constant teacher, both by word and act; their character is formed after hers. The child-nature in her hands is as wax to be moulded into shape, but like marble to retain its form. And what if this moulder and graver of the characters of our future men and women be vain and frivolous, luxurious and extravagant; or even "highly educated" only in the limited, *intellectual* sense of the world? "An education which is solely practical, which fails to evoke the tender and emotional capacities of woman, and to bring into due play the machinery of her moral nature, is apt to leave her angular, harsh and repellent, and of such the kingdom of true womanhood is not made. The formation of character should be the chief aim of a woman's education, and if the mold in which that character is cast be not fitted to every sinuous fold of woman's nature and woman's heart, its effect will be to warp instead of to strengthen and develop. Therefore it is that the church has wisely directed that religion should be the earliest educational influence to diffuse itself over the budding heart and intellect of the future woman, for when her character is shaped in that mold her heart is warmed by that glow; she will be sure to become patient, gentle, forbearing, considerate and forgiving; and, after all, these are the qualities by the exercise of which a true woman will become the Empress of her home, a sovereign with none to dispute her will or question her commands, for she will then rule with the sceptre of love."

A recent writer in a Boston paper says: "A woman's influence makes every man what he is, and if today men are not what they should be, it is because the women have become morally as well as physically effeminate."

It is, therefore, absolutely necessary that our women should be Christian women; the mothers, Christian mothers. The welfare of our homes, of our country, and of the church depends upon them. And how can we have them without Christian teaching? And how can we get this without distinctively Christian or church schools?

Here in this Diocese a great and noble opportunity for usefulness is opening before you. By the generosity of one individual, it becomes possible to establish such a Christian school for girls as we have tried to picture. But if it is to be successful it will require something from everyone of you who make up the Diocese of Western Michigan. No great work is accomplished without sacrifice; and the church asks of you at this time a sacrifice of your means and influence to make this school a power for the future good of the Diocese and State. Let everything in it be of the best, whether for religious instruction, mental training, or physical development. And take care that those who are to train your daughters' hearts and souls and minds be those who are themselves trained in what is pure and holy. Let the mental instruction be sound and sensible, with a foundation strong enough in Jesus Christ to bear a lofty superstructure of "higher education." And do not be afraid of the accomplishments and recreations which will develop your girls into beautiful and gracious womanhood. For the Christian

maiden, the Christian wife, the Christian mother will be the great reformer of our country. With your sons under her care, "violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders, but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates praise."

JAS. E. WILKINSON,
 *W. P. LAW,
 J. RICE TAYLOR,
 CHARLES W. CALKINS,
 GEO. HENRY CLEVELAND, M. D.

*Not present at the meeting of the committee.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Stout the Convention took a recess till 1 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY, 1 o'clock p. m.

Convention assembled and was opened with prayer by the Bishop.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last session, which were approved.

On motion the following delegates were excused at 2 o'clock: Messrs. Wm. B. Williams, C. T. Bock, C. B. Mosher, C. S. Hazeltine and E. F. Sweet.

The Rev. C. T. Stout, Chairman of the Committee on Canons, presented the following report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons respectfully recommend the adoption of the amendment to Article VI., Section 1, of the Constitution.
 (Signed.)

CHAS. T. STOUT,
 ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,
 WM. N. BROWN,
 JAS. VOSPER—Objecting.
 Committee.

The Committee on Canons would respectfully report that the resolution of the Committee on Qualifications of Vestrymen, providing for a change in Canon IX, Sec. 3, is inexpedient, and therefore that it be not adopted.

Signed

C. T. STOUT,
 ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,
 WM. N. BROWN,
 JAMES VOSPER.
 Committee on Canons.

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that the adoption of the proposed amendment of Art. VI, Sec. 2, is recommended

by Rev. A. P. Greenleaf and Mr. Wm. N. Brown, and not recommended by Rev. C. T. Stout and Mr. James Vosper.

And they recommend for adoption the following amendment to Canon IX. Sec. : Any subject pertaining to the organization, property, or rights of Parishes or Missions of this Diocese not included in the foregoing Canon; or in Act. No. 163 of the Legislature of Michigan, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of Protestant Episcopal Churches," and all acts amendatory thereto, dated February 17th, 1857, shall be governed by Act No. 145 of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, and all acts amendatory thereto, dated February 13th, 1855, entitled "An Act concerning Churches and Religious Societies."

Signed

C. T. STOUT,
A. P. GREENLEAF,
WM. N. BROWN,
JAMES VOSPER.

The report of the Committee on Canons was taken up in order.

The Amendment of Canon 9 was first considered.

Pending the discussion of which, Mr. Wm. N. Brown offered the following:

Resolved, That that portion of the Bishop's address in reference to incorporating the general statutes of the State into the Canon law of the Diocese be referred to a committee to report to the next Convention.

Which was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Canons that the recommendations of the Committee on Qualifications of Vestrymen be not adopted, was concurred in.

Mr. N. P. Loveridge was excused from further attendance.

The recommendation of the Committee on Canons that the amendment of Art. VI, Sec. 1, of the Constitution be adopted was under discussion, when the Rev. Henry Hughes offered the following:

Resolved, That the changes proposed in the Constitution, Art. VI, be referred back to the Committee on Canons to report next year.

Mr. W. N. Brown offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the next Convention the following changes and amendments to the Constitution and Canons:

That Sec. 2, Art. VI, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

After "Parish" in first line add, "or Mission;" after "Association" in second line add, "or organization;" in the eighth line from the top of this section omit the words "not exceeding three."

Also: In section 3, Art. VI, in first line after the word "Parish" add "or Mission."

Also: In Article IX of the Constitution, omit all that portion of the article which follows the word "Convention," in the fourth line from the bottom; and adding to the section (to follow the word "Convention" in the fourth line from the bottom of the section) the following: "Provided that one-half of all who are entitled to vote be present."

Resolved, Also, that wherever else in the Constitution of this Diocese there is a distinction made between the delegation from a Parish and that from a Mission, as to the rights of such delegation upon the floor of an Annual or Special Convention, that such wording or language of the Constitution or Canons be so changed or altered as to entirely and completely obliterate and remove such distinction or difference, whether it be implied or definitely so stated.

Which was adopted.

The next item in the Report of the Committee on Canons was the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. VI, of the Constitution.

On motion, the amendment was not adopted.

The Committee on Canons recommended the adoption of Canon XXI of the "Solemn Nomination and Choosing of a Bishop," as amended by the Convention.

Dr. G. H. Cleveland moved to lay the Report of the Committee on Canons referring to the "Solemn Nomination and Choosing of a Bishop" on the table for one year. Lost.

The question was on the adoption of the Canon. It was adopted by the Canonical vote of two-thirds of the Convention.

CANON XXI.

OF THE SOLEMN NOMINATION AND CHOOSING OF A BISHOP.

Whenever in the Providence of GOD it may be necessary for this Diocese to choose a Bishop, and when for this purpose the Annual Convention, or a Special Convention, shall be in session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution, the order and mode of proceeding shall be the following:

1. There shall be read this Canon, the Testimonials that must be signed in behalf of a Bishop-elect, and the vows required of

him in the ordinal, to the end that none other than a godly and well-learned man may be elected. After which the Convention shall be invited to silent prayer for a brief space.

2. The nomination shall then be in order, and shall be by ballot. *Viva voce* nomination shall be in order only when the Convention shall be sitting in Committee of the Whole as hereinafter provided. Each member of the Convention may place two names and no more upon his ballot, which names shall be reported as respectively the first and second choice of the voter. The lists of the clerical and lay members of the Convention shall be slowly called, each voter reverently advancing to deposit his ballot with the Tellers.

3. The Tellers shall note the number of blank ballots cast, if any, and the name of each nominee, attaching to the same the number of votes respectively given to each as first choice and as second choice, and when they are ready to report, the Convention shall rise to receive the same; after which, all standing, the President of the Convention shall read verses 24 and 25 of Acts I; then, all kneeling, shall be said the Collect for St. Matthias' Day and the *Veni Creator* in its longer form read responsively, to be followed by the Lord's Prayer.

4. A second ballot shall then be ordered, to be conducted in the same manner as the former, except that only one name shall be upon each ballot and that the lay vote shall be a vote by Parishes, each Parish having one vote. The Tellers having reported the result of such ballot, if it appear that any nominee have a constitutional majority of votes, such nominee shall be declared elected, and appropriate prayers and praises shall then be offered.

5. But if the election shall not be complete on the second ballot, it shall be in order for any member to move that the Convention go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the nomination made, or make others at its pleasure. This motion shall be a privileged motion, which shall be carried by one-third of the votes of each order; and no words of comment upon any nomination that may be made, nor praise nor censure of any clergyman, shall be permitted, except in such Committee of the Whole, sitting with closed doors.

6. When all nominations shall have been sufficiently discussed, the Chairman of the Committee shall solemnly remind all present that their proceedings and sayings have been confidential, and must be so considered and regarded by all upon their sacred honor.

7. When the Committee has risen and the President of the Convention has taken his seat and reopened its session, the Chairman of the Committee shall report its action to the Convention, and balloting shall be resumed with all solemnity as before, until, by God's Holy Spirit who maketh men to be of one mind in an house, a Bishop be duly chosen and declared elected by a constitutional majority of both orders present and voting.

8. This Canon is hereby declared to be an act of solemn homage to God, by whose authority in Christ Jesus the Episcopate was established in the Holy Apostles and by whose Holy Spirit it hath been perpetuated; and it is enacted with intention to conform as strictly as possible to the Apostolic example, to the end that all things being done decently and in order, the Lord our God may be with us and our children, as He was with our fathers in the old time.

The Committee on Canons recommend that the subject matter of the Bishop's address bearing on Canon XX.,

Section 7, be referred to a special committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, to report at the next Convention.

Adopted.

The Committee on Canons recommends the adoption of the following amendment to Section 3 of Canon XIX.:

There shall be added to Section 3, of Canon XIX., the following after the words "effective manner," "and also to apply the general funds of the Board for the purchase of land and the erection of churches and chapels, provided the support of missionaries has been met for the current year."

Which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Church Literature was presented and read by Rev. Robt. Lynn, the Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature beg leave to report after mature deliberation. This subject is one of greater importance than which is commonly attached to it, especially by those in charge of Parishes and Mission Stations. It is one thing to educate the people entrusted to our charge in the principles and doctrines of the church, and another to disseminate her present needs. There is little doubt but that the Clergy generally are found true to their office in this respect. And to do this effectively the faithful Rector finds little time to devote to the education of his people with respect to the work of the church, her present needs and what is required of each and every baptized member disseminating the teachings of Christ's church in the hearts and minds of others. The last commission of the Master to His church has just as essential bearing upon the faithful disciple to-day as when it was first declared. But the question comes, "How can this be accomplished?" How can the minds of the followers be aroused to the sense of their common responsibility? To educate the people in this by the Clergymen, to keep up with the times and needs of the church, can only be done at the expense of neglecting that which is more fundamental, though of perhaps no greater importance. The church, however, makes use of other means by which she seconds the work of the Rector. And this is done by disseminating the present needs of the church broadcast. But this is not sufficient. This can accomplish but little good unless the people are taught the necessity of educating themselves with the knowledge thus dispensed. There is no better way of interesting the minds of our people in missionary enterprise and other fields of labor than by making them acquainted with the needs and their individual responsibilities as members of a common discipleship and united band which has for its object the spreading of Christ's Kingdom. And this can not be done so well by the minister who finds himself confined two or three hours out of the 7x24 as by the opportunities afforded in the circulation of the current literature of the church. Those churchmen who are readers of the weekly and other regular journals representing the true spirit of the church's teaching, as well as the dispensing of the requirements of her growth, are not only they who keep up

with the spirit of her Master, but also are most faithful in the discharge of their obligations in her service. Such are not only imbued strongly with the true doctrines of her Divine Head, but they also are strongly imbued with the spirit of her needs. They become not only educated with the principles underlying her teachings, but are also alive to the obligations resting upon them with regard to her growth and spread of her teachings. They feel themselves members of a common household, for whose existence and growth they are in part responsible. And if this is true, and we think no one can doubt it, can we not also see wherein church literature has a place, and a place most important, in her teachings. If each and every baptized member of the church in this Diocese was a regular reader of the news, work, and thought of what the church is doing in this day and age of the world, not alone in our own Parish, not alone in our Diocese, nor alone in our own country, but all over the world, how much more interest would be shown by the church at large than we as a Parish or a Diocese are doing. Such a reader would soon begin to feel that he or she was not a member of perhaps a small Mission or a struggling Parish, or even of a certain Diocese, but of a church which is bound by no limit, which encircles the world. And this thought would encourage such a member to bear the trials and discouragements of a struggling Mission with more fortitude and endurance than could possibly come from any other earthly source. Such may be, nay, such is, and has been, the influence of good, substantial church literature upon the minds of many faithful and patient members of Christ's church the world over. And, besides, it gives to them a true knowledge of the Catholicity of the church. It broadens the mind, it informs the intellect it deepens the faith of any one who is sincerely actuated by a love of the church, and has a desire to be true to the teachings of the Master.

Now, to further this object, to educate the people in the knowledge of what the church is doing and what she needs, that each and every member of the church in this Diocese may obtain a knowledge not only of all this, but of her teachings, the opportunity is placed at our disposal. To-day there is a Diocesan Library placed at our common disposal, and through the efforts of our beloved Diocesan a fund is accumulating by which new works are continually being secured. This library is situated at 162 Fountain Street, Grand Rapids, and from this any Clergyman or Layman may procure books to further this purpose. Besides this means of information, we have also a Diocesan paper, giving a summary not only of the Bishop's work, but also of that of the General Missionary, as well as other parochial information. This paper is conducted with a faithfulness to church principles and such ability that it should be read by every family of the church in the Diocese. Besides these, we possess to-day weekly journals whose price of subscription is within the reach of all. While **THE CHURCHMAN** may perhaps be considered high priced, yet that of **THE LIVING CHURCH** is within the means of every family. It gives a record of church events each week, not only of one or two or three Dioceses, but of the whole church. The circulation of this journal is rapidly increasing, and especially at the present time. This of itself is an evidence that our people are beginning to take more of an interest in church matters than heretofore. And we hope that it will continue until every family, particularly of our Diocese, will be a subscriber to one or the other of our church journals. But there is another journal of even greater importance than those mentioned. We refer to the **SPIRIT OF MISSIONS**. It does seem as though it

were not possible for any one to read this journal without being roused to the spirit of true missionary heroism. Scarcely a number is issued without an account of some noble missionary laborers in some far off land who put to shame our indifference and coldness toward this most important and essential feature of the church's life and growth. Again, in the way of Sunday School literature, we are no longer met with the same difficulties which once were ours in obtaining suitable books for the young. The Bishop Doane list, as well as that of *THE YOUNG CHURCHMAN* and others, contain the best books for the lowest prices suitable for Sunday School libraries. These, together with the publication of Sunday School papers, give to the coming generation a means of knowledge of the church which we hope will bear fruit hereafter.

While all this is true, while we have the best means at our disposal for educating the people in regard to what the church is doing, yet too often the opportunity or means are not accepted. How this can be remedied is an open question. The suggestion, however, might not be out of order: Would it not be a step in the right direction if each Rector or Missionary in charge of a Parish or Mission would appoint some person to canvas the Parish for subscribers to one or more of the church publications? Something might be done if the Rector, knowing the wants of his people, would adopt some plan for circulating church literature among the people. A Parish Library containing not only works on the church, but also the current news of the day, in the way one or more of the weekly papers or magazines. If this is not feasible, then at the meetings of societies appoint some one as a reader who will read some article or articles published in one or the other of the publications. This, we think, would create an interest in church work which would bear fruit, not only in increased zeal for the church's work in other fields, but would also be felt at home in the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. LYNN,
ALBERT E. WELLS,
HENRY E. S. SOMERVILLE,
W. B. WILLIAMS.

Committee.

The Committee recommends the following :

Resolved, That the Clergy advise the reading of the following in their Cures :

The Spirit of Missions; the Living Church; the Church Eclectic; the Churchman and the Church Helper.

Pending the discussion of the resolution offered by the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Fair offered the following :

Resolved, That the names of the papers be stricken out and insert "The Church Helper;" "The Spirit of Missions" and "some weekly Church paper."

Which was adopted as amended.

Elections being in order, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer.

The President appointed as Tellers: Rev. Albert E. Wells and Mr. E. T. Montgomery.

The Tellers retired.

Dr. G. H. Cleveland presented the following:

WHEREAS, Our friend and co-laborer in the cause we all love so dearly,—Rev. Joseph B. Prichard,—is sorely afflicted, and now passing through severe trials, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, now in session at Grand Haven, Mich., extend to our brother our sympathy in his severe and painful trials, and express a kindly wish for his recovery, and return to the field of labor, where he has done noble service, and where help like his is so much needed. Be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records, and a copy be furnished to the Rev. J. B. Prichard at once.

GEO. HENRY CLEVELAND, M. D.,

GEORGE D. SANFORD,

Committee.

Which was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions presented their report, which was accepted.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions report that they have examined the same, with vouchers, and find them correct.

(Signed.)

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,

G. C. V. EASTMAN,

H. B. LEWIS.

Committee.

The Secretary of the Kalamazoo Convocation presented his report, which was accepted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the American Church Building Fund Commission presented their report, which was accepted.

REPORT.

The committee representing in the Diocese of Western Michigan the American Church Building Fund Commission respectfully reports:

The object of this Commission is to render aid in the erection of church buildings throughout the whole Church in the United

States of America—an extensive but very necessary work to be undertaken.

This Church Building Fund Commission is national and general, not limiting its field of operations or collections to any particular section of the country, but asking assistance from, and rendering it to, any part of the whole American Church.

As the report presented to the Thirteenth Annual Convention of this Diocese expressed in some degree the value of church edifices as visible missionaries of the church, there is no occasion to repeat now what was expressed then.

There is ground for congratulation in what Western Michigan has done to help on this most admirable and practical church effort. Since the last Convention of our Diocese contributions have been sent to the Church Building Fund Commission as follows:

<i>Coldwater</i> —St. Mark's.....	\$ 4 00
<i>Elk Rapids</i> —St. Paul's.....	10 61
<i>Galesburg</i> —Mrs. J. S. H.....	1 00
<i>Hastings</i> —Emmanuel Church.....	8 92
<i>Holland</i> —Grace.....	3 70
<i>Ionis</i> —St. John's.....	4 25
<i>Kalamazoo</i> —St. Luke's.....	7 00
<i>Ludington</i> —Grace.....	4 75
<i>Muskegon</i> —St. Paul's.....	5 16
<i>Big Rapids</i> —St. Andrew's.....	4 25
<i>Grand Rapids</i> —St. Mark's.....	50 00
<i>Pentwater</i> —St. James'.....	1 17
<i>Saugatuck</i> —All Saints'.....	1 01
Miss M. Penfield.....	1 00
Total.....	\$112 82

This sum is by no means to be despised. As compared with that from other Dioceses, if it is not the largest amount contributed, it is by no means the smallest, and side by side with the contributions from Dioceses adjoining our own, and from which generous aid could reasonably have been expected, our own Western Michigan has so helped on the American Church Building Fund Commission that its donations exceed in amount the help sent from many more favored districts. If to these general contributions be added the amount given to our own Diocesan Building Fund, and the offerings presented in some of our Parishes and Mission Stations for their local church building efforts, it will be found that the Diocese of Western Michigan is realizing the duty of building churches to the Glory of God and the worship of His ever Holy and Hallowed Name.

The Parishes or Mission points throughout our Diocese now building or about to build churches are as follows: Petoskey, Charlevoix, Manistee, Holland, Luther and St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, the building for the last named being a large and commodious City Hospital; Marshall will soon erect a suitable and needed chapel. Other places are faithfully endeavoring to pay off all indebtedness on buildings already erected. We are not idle, therefore, regarding the pressing duty of building churches and paying for them.

We ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rectors and Missionaries of the Diocese shall endeavor to present as frequently as possible to their congregations the duty and necessity of erecting church buildings in every

available locality throughout the Diocese, and that if convenient, one offering be annually devoted in every Parish and Mission Station for this purpose.

REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., Chairman.

The appended resolution was adopted.

The tellers made their report on the election of Treasurer.

REPORT.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 21
Necessary to choice..... 16

Mr. T. P. Sheldon received 21, and he was declared duly elected.

The President made the following appointments as tellers upon the election of Registrar: Rev. Normand S. Boardman, Mr. James Vosper.

The ballots being cast the tellers retired.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be hereby appropriated for the current expenses of the Registrar's office for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Church Unity presented their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNITY.

The past year has been fruitful in evidences that the Spirit of God is abroad in our land, opening as never before the hearts and eyes of Christians of every name to the sinfulness of continuing the present sect-ridden condition of Christianity in this and other lands, of making void the prayer of Christ that we "All may be one,"—of hindering the work of evangelizing the world, and postponing the fulfillment of the petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come."

The official responses of various bodies of Christians to the declaration of the House of Bishops, setting forth the four essentials of organic church unity, have, together with various degrees of narrowness and sectarian pride, shown such a broad and enlarged view of brotherly love and Christlike spirit, and a willingness to come together to consider these matters, as would have been thought impossible twenty or less years ago.

The "Washington Conference" of last December, in which representative men of every Christian body in these United States met together to discuss as to the best means of combating the great evils which confront our civilization, our free institutions and our popular government—in which Conference two of our Bishops took prominent part—bore witness to the necessity of Christian unity to successfully oppose the evils which surround us; and

bore witness also to the fact that the declaration of the House of Bishops meant just what it said when it expressed a "desire and readiness to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian bodies, seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church, with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might be brought to pass."

The address of the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Michigan, was upon "The Necessity of Cooperation" for the defense of National institutions, particularly the defense of our public schools against the open attacks and secret plottings of ultramontaniam; cooperation to best set forward the work of evangelical Christianity in our land, and to stop the wicked waste of power that is now sapping the strength of Protestantism; cooperation to deal effectually with the great problems of human destitution, incapacity and want, but above all, cooperation in order that we may fulfill the mind of Christ, and bring the world in faith to Him. This address is worthy of careful study by all who deplore the needless division in the Church of God, for it opens our eyes to the enormity of the sin which Christians are committing, and to the one true remedy in accordance with the mind of Christ.

The Good Friday meeting in Philadelphia, in which leading and representative men of the religious bodies of the land met together, among them the Bishop of Pennsylvania, was a "public confession of the sin and shame of a divided Christendom."

The world moves, and in the right direction. The Spirit of God is present with power.

These meetings show clearly that there is a wide-spread, heart-felt dissatisfaction with the present condition of things in the Christian world, that there is a yearning in the hearts of men for peace and unity—a longing such as has not been manifest since the dividing or splitting apart of the once united church.

The many letters, upon this subject during the year, written by godly men, members of the various denominations, all breathe forth the spirit of love and brotherly kindness, all show an earnest desire to mend the torn garment of our Lord, and, in view of the many Articles of the Faith in which we agree, all manifest a sincere and heartfelt sorrow because of the few things which keep apart those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

The letters of the Revs. Dr. Shields and Dr. DeWitt, of the Presbyterian Church, and Professors in its divinity schools; the lecture of Dr. Milligan, Professor in the University of Aberdeen, Scotland; the essay of the Rev. E. P. Gould, Professor in a Baptist school in Vermont; the speech of Rev. Dr. Castle, President of the Toronto Baptist College and foremost Baptist minister in Canada, together with many other writings and sayings of men prominent in their several organizations, are full of that great and eager cry for Church unity which is heard to-day from every part of Christendom. It is, we may well believe, the onward march, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, of the the great army of Christian people, of all denominations; looking for a Church which has foundations, foundations immovable, and able to uphold the grand superstructure of the one, united, comprehensive church, which may stand firm against, courageously battle with, and, by God's blessing, overcome the fierce threatenings and assaults of the devil, yea, and present to the world such an unbroken, undivided front, that all men may believe that the Father has indeed sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world, and to draw us all, in the unity of

the Spirit and in the bond of peace, to worship at His sacred feet.

The rapid growth of the desire for Church Unity makes the subject, not one of great importance—for that it has *always* been—but one of the living, burning questions of the day; and so much is it *felt* to be such that, at the Good Friday meeting, before mentioned, one of the best known and most loyal Laymen of our Church spoke of it thus :

“ When I see, as I do to-day, the substantial unanimity with which the great Protestant bodies hold their grasp upon the eternal truths of the Gospel; when I see their real temper as it comes out on Good Friday, when old controversies are silent in the presence of the Crucified; when I see their equality to our own priesthood in all those qualities which fit men to be leaders of their fellows; when I see that their desire for brotherliness is not sentimental gush; when I hear the nature of Unity and its conditions so broadly and fairly stated as to-day by the Baptist, Dr Boardman, I am inclined to say that we could better afford, temporarily, to suspend all the other activities of the Church until this question is settled, than to go on, even as prosperously as we do now, leaving it unsettled.”

And the President of the Toronto Baptist College is reported as saying that he is a thorough unbeliever in denominations, and does *not* regard as chimerical an organic union in Christendom. The present divided condition is ruinously expensive and ruinously wasteful. He did not despair of the time coming when the denominational lines would be blotted out. He did not care about what should be the name under which God's people would be known in that future. He had not the slightest concern as to whether the particular banner that he had been bearing throughout his life should be recognized by its name. He felt confident the time must come when the fragments of Christendom will coalesce in a union which shall be recognized to a degree they did not at the present time conceive of.

We quote these words of men of our own Church and of others to show that the question of Church Unity is one which to-day is burning for a visible, practical solution, that the desire for Unity is rapidly spreading and increasing,—and we believe that the Declaration of the House of Bishops has had, and must continue to have, a wide-spread and remarkable influence in creating this desire among the Christian people of this land, and in arriving at the consummation so devoutly to be wished and prayed for.

We live in a wonderful age. The signs of the times point, as never before, to the happy day when the followers of the Redeemer shall be of one heart and one mind, and realize the blessedness of those words of old, “ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

We may not live to see that day; but as the length of time between now and then depends upon our following the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit, it becomes us *to do* all we can to hasten the day, and *not do* anything that would hinder its speedy drawing near.

And, as we have the promise of Christ that He will be with His Church alway, even unto the end of the world, and that He would and did send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to abide with His Church forever, so we believe that through His Church,—the Church as it has come down to us from Him and His

Apostles : through the historic Episcopate—the Organic Unity of the Church will be restored.

We say *restored*, advisedly and with meaning, for it needs to be remembered, and ever made known, that the Unity of the Church is not something to be invented or discovered, but to be found—a return to something from which we have departed and gone astray.

Methods of union are numerous; but union is not Unity. The show of denominational fellowship as frequently seen in untied services; the good feeling displayed, and the fraternizing in pulpit and on platform, are all now shown to be meaningless so far as any real unity is concerned. Under all, there lies, strong and deep, the sectarian spirit which keeps alive a bitter antagonism, and an unwillingness, for the sake of real unity, to make any sacrifice of denominational methods and opinions.

Evidences have not been wanting in our own State of Michigan, and recently, that after a great display of good feeling and fellowship exhibited at union revival meetings not one step toward real Unity was made,—the apparent union and co-operation being afterwards utterly extinguished by the intensely sectarian spirit and bitterness manifested by “the brethren,” in “dividing the spoils.”

The *best* efforts among the various denominations have resulted in a union only formal, and not effectual.

There has been no unifying principle holding them together in the unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, the lack of which has been made painfully evident, when in the midst of the union it proved to be only sentimental, and subordinate to the love of denominational aggrandizement.

We are, therefore, more than ever convinced, that the Declaration of the House of Bishops, in the words : “The historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church”—affords room and opportunity for all concessions necessary to bring into organic union the Christian people of this land.

The four essential conditions of Unity are clearly stated in that Declaration. No nice distinctions are drawn as to the meaning in which the four conditions shall be offered or accepted.

Upon the first three, viz: the Scriptures, the Creeds, and the two Sacraments, Christian people could to-day unite. As to the fourth, “The Historic Episcopate,” the *necessity* of its acceptance for the attainment of *Organic Unity* is becoming to all people more evident, because of the conviction forced upon them, by past and present experience, that any other unity is a delusion and a snare.

The historic Episcopate our Branch of the Church possesses and shares, but does not own. She holds in trust—not in any spirit of exclusiveness, but with a desire and readiness to bestow upon others—the blessings she herself has received. Cleaving steadfastly to the old paths of Apostolic truth and Order; contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints, she holds and maintains, not the doctrines of men, but the doctrines of Christ, her Lord and Head.

Christian Unity obtained by the sacrifice of truth and of principles would be short-lived, or rather still-born. The “*Declaration*,” whilst carefully guarding the Sacred Deposit committed by Christ to His Church for all time, seeks in no spirit of self-aggrandize-

ment to unite all Christians under Apostolic rule and order, but rather to impart to them that unifying power and authority given by Christ to His Apostles, binding them to Him and to each other in One Body, and continued without intermission to this day, and to continue unto the end of time. "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity,"—this is the spirit of the "Declaration," for it says: "that in all things of human ordering, or human choice, relating to modes of worship and discipline, to traditional customs, this Church is ready in the spirit of love and humility to forego all preferences of her own."

Under that "Declaration,"—for the sake of restoring the principles of Unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence,—this Church stands ready to sacrifice more than she ever expects to gain, and to concede *all* that any Christian of any name could desire.

Everything that lies *outside* the great trusts committed by Christ to His Church, she stands ready to leave for acceptance to private judgment and conscience. Surely nothing but prejudice and the spirit of sect can keep apart the followers of Christ, in the presence of such a clear and broad platform upon which all may stand.

We hail with grateful joy the signs of brotherliness and kinship which appear to-day in the Christian world, and the *evidences* that the spirit of God is subduing prejudices, and opening the eyes of all to see the way out of confusion and discord into unity, harmony and peace.

Let it be ours to promote in every way the means by which the prayer of our Lord and our prayer may be answered, that we "All may be one."

This we can do by the consistency of our faith and life in following more closely the Apostolic doctrine and fellowship,—cleaving more firmly to the Apostolic Church and Ministry, healing the sores of our own body, and by holding the truth in love.

This we can do by acknowledging as brethren in Christ all who by Baptism have put on Christ, for, although not following with us, they certainly are not against Him.

We can,—using the words of the Bishop of Durham,—“cultivate friendly relations where no principle is sacrificed. We shall avoid irritating language, for we shall remember with shame how largely their defection has been due to our fault. * * * * We shall approach the settlement of these questions in the spirit of concession, knowing that this * * * is Christ's own attribute.”

Above all, we shall beware of exalting methods into principles.

Thus shall we in our day do something to prepare the way for that co-operation,—that organic Unity, which shall wipe away the shame and reproach which now cloud the Christian world, and which shall usher in the reign of peace and love and good will,—when all those who are ingrafted into Christ Jesus shall walk together visibly in Christlike Charity,—one Army, under the Captain of our Salvation, conquering the world for Him and hastening the day of His glorious appearing.

With this report your Committee ask the adoption by this Convention of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the enlarged and increasing interest manifested by Christian people in the subject of Church Unity, and in

the expressed desire of many hearts for the termination of the present needless divisions in the Church of God, this Convention recognizes the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; and in the words and in the Spirit of the Declaration of the House of Bishops commends to the prayerful consideration of all Christians in this Diocese the subject of Church Unity, so dear to the heart of our Blessed Lord that He prayed to His Father—"that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be One in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

HENRY HUGHES, Chairman.
T. J. KNAPP, D. D.
M. S. WOODRUFF.
WM. N. BROWN.

The appended resolution was also adopted.

The Tellers reported on the election of Registrar.

REPORT.

Whole number of ballots cast..... 28
Mr. C. W. Calkins received.... 28

(Signed)

N. S. BOARDMAN,
JAMES VOSPER,

Tellers.

He was declared duly elected.

The President appointed the following Tellers on election of Standing Committee: Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Dr. G. H. Cleveland.

The ballots being cast, the tellers retired.

The Rev. C. T. Stout offered the following:

Resolved, That the appreciative thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the Rector and Members of St. John's Church and to the citizens generally of Grand Haven for their most hospitable entertainment.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee to organize Akeley College: Hon. Wm. B. Williams, Hon. Noah P. Loveridge and Mr. Thomas A. Parish.

Committee to consider the change of a Mission to a Parish: Rev. Chas. T. Stout, Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Mr. James Vosper and Mr. W. N. Brown.

The Report of Committee on Clerical Changes was read by the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Fair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLERICAL CHANGES.

In the Thirteenth Annual Address of the Right Rev. The Bishop of the Diocese, the following passage occurs:

"The changes have been painfully frequent; seven dismissals from the Diocese, equal to one-third of our working force. This is only more abundantly what has been in past years. In all, there have been in twelve years 89 names on our clerical list. Yet, as I know the circumstances, I should say that, generally, the cause of the removal has not been in the Parish."

This subject, presented by these sorrowful words of the Bishop, was of such importance that a committee appointed to report on it at the last Convention asked for a postponement to the present Assembly, so that the matter might receive the due and full deliberations it deserves and demands.

By "frequent Clerical changes" and their results, we are to understand that constantly a Rector or Missionary leaves voluntarily, or is compelled to resign, his field of labor, and that this occurring frequently in the same place, or by the same person, is to be deplored as disadvantageous to the place and person.

While this is unmistakably injurious in many instances, your Committee cannot look upon it as invariably an universal evil, the "changes" are frequently a blessing for the Clergyman leaving the place and for the place losing the Clergyman.

Why should it be deplored when a Clergyman leaves a field for which he is not suited? Why not change when it is evident that the place and the man are not in unison? Why should a Parish or Mission Station be called on to retain in perpetuity a Rector or Missionary who, from one cause or many, is *not the man for the place or the people*? With increased force, must we not ask: Why should not a Rector or Missionary leave a Parish or Mission point unsuited to him? Is it desirable for him to persistently remain at a post or point not worthy of his services and incapable of rendering appreciation which should be rendered as due and received as an encouragement?

Such "changes" as these are not to be deplored; they are rather to be encouraged. We must, therefore, seek for the other "Clerical changes" which are to be condemned and to be avoided.

As an example of this latter class, may we not state it as follows?

An earnest, God-fearing, faithful and capable man of God is placed—in the Providence of God—over a Parish or Mission, where, all things being as they should be, he could and is willing to perform a work which will be for the Glory of God, the increase of the Church and the prosperity of the people; yet he leaves the work he could perform so well, abandons the field his ability could so successfully cultivate, and resigns a charge the oversight of which he could most prosperously direct?

Why is this? In giving some of the reasons for frequent Clerical changes, we can, at the same time, point out remedies to prevent changes deplorable and to be avoided.

(1). A clergyman leaves his field of labor because he has not the hearty and practical co-operation of his people; because he is not sustained in his *work* and co-operated with in the plans he

forms for the growth of the Parish or Mission Station. We place this as the first and leading cause, for if the Clergyman has the hearty support of his people in the work he plans for them, there will not be lacking the other helps and attractions to keep him at the post where he is laboring. Place any Clergyman in any field for the Church's work, give him the devotion of his people, their co-operation, their identity with him in properly working this part of the Church's pasture, and will he abandon it or them? The "Call" which will draw him away must be one from Heaven and not from a Vestry-room.

(2). Take another step in this man's work. He has a home, a comfortable, happy home. God has blessed him with a loving, devoted wife, attractive and obedient children; the *domestic life* of this Clergyman's existence has its duties upon him as evidently as the Parochial, and his people recognizing it, endeavor to the utmost of their ability to render him the support which is necessary; but with all their devotion to him personally and to the Church Parochially, the support is meagre, because the people are poor, and economize as the Rector's family will, it is frequently in pecuniary straits and in embarrassments of pressing urgency. Now, suppose a Call to work practically of like kind, but offering him more pecuniary support, comes to that man, *is he to refuse it?* Work will be similar, but support will be ample. Is this Clergyman's "change" from penury to comfort to be deplored or condemned? Ought there not rather to be congratulation and rejoicing that straitened circumstances and holy work have now changed to ample support and equally holy labors in the Church's vineyard? No true Churchman will condemn a Clergyman changing under such circumstances; no thoughtful Vestry will urge him to remain, when to remain means poverty, and to go, means the removal of anxious care and the bestowal of ample means to provide bread and do good.

(3). Let us suppose another aspect of this man's work. His work in his Parish or Mission Station is what he wants and is capable of performing; his support, though not large, satisfies him; he seeks not more; but from some cause or other, well or ill-founded, there is some one person who thwarts and hinders this man of God in his work, or there may be more than one person doing this work of worry, and work and labor as he may, this person or those persons may so torture and misrepresent, annoy, perplex and hinder him, that for peace sake and not further to vex his righteousness of soul, the Rector resigns to seek elsewhere the work he was willing to do here if let alone. Is he to be censured for making this "change"? Why retain him at work to be worried when elsewhere he can perform the same labor and be happy? Here again we have a "frequent change" not to be condemned, but one that could be avoided if the fault-finding and hindering parishioner would only be satisfied, stop talking and begin working.

And thus this report could be considerably lengthened by stating the various causes of "Clerical changes"; on the other hand could be expressed the reasons why Vestries and parishioners sometimes seek the removal of their Rector to other fields. We would not say that the fault is always on the Parish, never on the man; doubtless both sides have much to urge for the part they take; but considering Priest and People, may we not conclude this report by saying there will not be frequent separations between their Pastoral relations if somewhat like the following is mutually undertaken: Let the people stand by their Clergyman; let them recognize him as the Priest at the Altar sent to them by God to

minister to them in the Holy Things of the Church; let them practically work with him and for him; let them speak of him lovingly, kindly, helpfully; let them support him as his needs demand; if he has foibles of character, let them be oblivious of defects; if he has points of strength, let the people rejoice that it is so, and thus doing their part to him, will he not do his to them?

What is it? He should ever remember he is the Priest of God, the servant of the people and the Minister of the Church; he should be instant in season and out of season in performing his holy and responsible work; early hours of the morning light should be given to needful and daily study; services should be rendered in the Church and Parish as frequently and as fully as occasion demands and convenience will permit; practical plans should be devised and executed for the Church's growth, support and influence; loving, kind and thoughtful attention should be rendered to every soul within his care; no partiality should be shown in any way or to any person; the consideration manifested to him in obliviousness of faults and appreciation of virtues should be clearly returned by him; and in thought, word and deed he should ever be proving that his soul is for God, his life for the people and there is nothing for self. From the Priest and People who thus act there will not be "frequent changes," but loving, lasting, successful co-operation.

Your Committee asks the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese is hereby respectfully asked to prepare a short pastoral on the subject of this report, to be read by the Clergy to their congregations throughout the Diocese.

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged.

(Signed)

CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D.,

H. E. JONES,

CHAS. B. MOSHER,

Committee.

The appended resolutions were adopted.

The Tellers reported on the election of Standing Committee.

REPORT.

Whole number of ballots cast.....	29
Necessary to a choice.....	16
Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., received.....	27
Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D., ".....	26
Rev. J. W. Bancroft ".....	26
Rev. R. E. Jones ".....	23
Hon. H. S. Severens ".....	26
Mr. W. J. Stuart ".....	24
Mr. W. R. Shelby ".....	25

(Signed)

H. E. S. SOMERVILLE,

G. H. CLEVELAND,

Tellers.

And they were declared duly elected.

The President appointed as Tellers on the election of the Board of Missions: Rev. J. E. Wilkinson and Mr. John Macfie.

The ballots being cast, the Tellers retired.

The Secretary of the Grand Rapids Convocation presented his report. (See appendix.)

The Secretary of the Convention reported that he had received from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention the Canonical Notification to the Diocese of the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer, and in the discharge of his duty presented the same to the Convention for its action.

On motion, "The Notification" was received and ordered filed.

The Secretary of the Convention offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be extended to the Congregational Society for the offer of their Church Building for Convention purposes.

Which was adopted and subsequently forwarded to the Society.

This was in response to the following communication from the Trustees :

GRAND HAVEN, MICH., June 5, 1888.

Messrs. T. A. Parish, Geo. D. Sanford and J. Macfie:

GENTLEMEN—At the regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Congregational Society last evening they offered their Church for such use and occupancy as the Diocesan Convention of Western Michigan might wish during the sessions of that body in this city during this week. Upon due notice it will be opened and made ready for the use of the Convention.

Yours truly,

A. S. KEDZIE,

President of the Board of Trustees.

The Secretary read a communication from the "Board of Corrections and Charities."

Accepted and ordered printed in the Journal. (See appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Knapp offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to pay the two pages the sum of two dollars and fifty cents each.

Which was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Knapp offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of the Report on Church Unity be printed, and that the Secretary have charge of the printing and circulating of the same.

Which was adopted.

The Rev. A. E. Wells offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Bishop to examine the report on the contemplated changes in the Prayer Book, and report them for the action of the next Convention of the Diocese.

Which was adopted.

Mr. F. A. Gorham read the Report of the Registrar of the Diocese. (See appendix.)

The President appointed the following Committee on Liturgical Revision : Rev. Albert E. Wells, and Messrs. J. M. Parsons and W. J. Stuart.

On motion of the Rev. J. Rice Taylor, the Treasurer of the Diocese was authorized to pay the Secretary the sum of fifty dollars for his services.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to engage the services of a stenographer for the convenience of business in the next Convention.

Which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed the required number of the Journals of this Convention.

Which was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. N. S. Boardman, the sum of five dollars was appropriated for the sexton of St. John's Church.

The following parishes invited the Convention to meet in their respective cities : St. John's, Ionia ; St. Mark's, Grand Rapids ; St. Thomas', Battle Creek.

The vote being taken, Battle Creek was selected as the place for the meeting of the next Convention.

The Report of the Woman's Auxiliary was read and ordered printed in the Journal. (See appendix.)

The Report of St. Mark's Home was read and ordered printed in the Journal. (See appendix.)

The report of the Committee appointed to express appreciation of the value of the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Akeley was read.

REPORT.

The committee appointed to express to Mr. and Mrs. Akeley the appreciation of the Convention for their generous donation to the Diocese report, that they waited upon Mr. Akeley and personally expressed to him the gratitude of the Diocese for his gift of the "Blanche Hall of Akeley College." The committee asks for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars, to put in the permanent form of an illuminated address the thanks of the Diocese to Mr. and Mrs. Akeley.

CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., Chairman.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Geo. D. Sanford, the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the purpose named by the committee.

The Rev. Dr. Knapp, Local Secretary for Foreign Missions, presented his report. (See appendix.)

The Rev. M. S. Woodruff, Local Secretary of Domestic Missions, presented his report. (See appendix.)

The Tellers on the Election of the Board of Missions presented their report.

REPORT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	29
Necessary to a choice.....	15
Rev. R. E. Jones received.....	25
Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.....	24
Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.....	24
Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.....	26
Mr. C. B. Mosher.....	27
Mr. E. F. Sweet.....	23
Mr. F. A. Gorham.....	25
Mr. D. G. Robinson.....	26
Mr. W. J. Dibble.....	20

J. E. WILKINSON,
JOHN MACFIE,
Tellers.

They were declared duly elected.

There being one clerical member yet to elect, the Secretary was directed to cast the vote of the Convention for the Rev. J. Rice Taylor, he having received the next highest number of votes.

The Secretary cast the vote as directed, and the Rev. J. Rice Taylor was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention at this time elect two Members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as Tellers on the above election : Rev. M. S. Woodruff and Mr. C. B. Lamb.

The votes being cast, the Tellers retired.

On motion, the following Clergymen and Lay Delegates were excused : Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.; Rev. C. T. Stout, Rev. Robert Lynn, Mr. Albert Coates.

The Tellers on the Election of Members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan made their report.

REPORT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	23
The Hon. H. F. Severens received.....	19
The Hon. Wm. B. Williams.....	23

M. S. WOODRUFF,
C. B. LAMB,
Tellers.

They were declared duly elected.

The committee appointed by the Chair to make nominations for Trustees of Akeley College made their report.

REPORT.

Your committee appointed to nominate fifteen Trustees of Akeley College respectfully report the following names:

To hold the office of Trustee for One Year—Messrs. Geo. B. McBride, John Torrent and Edwin F. Uhl.

For Two Years—Hon. Noah P. Loveridge and Messrs. William Savidge and Edwin F. Sweet.

For Three Years—Hon. John W. Champlin and Messrs. William N. Brown and Charles F. Bock.

For Four Years—Hon. Wm. B. Williams, Mr. Dwight Cutler and Hon. Francis B. Stockbridge.

For Five Years—Hon. Henry F. Severens and Messrs. Thomas A. Parish and Joseph Heald.

(Signed for the Committee.)

J. W. BANCROFT.

The report was received.

On motion of Mr. Geo. D. Sanford, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Trustees of Akeley College as recommended by the committee.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the persons named by the committee were declared duly elected Trustees of Akeley College for the terms respectively designated.

On motion, Mr. C. B. Lamb was excused from further attendance.

On motion of Mr. Geo. D. Sanford, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Trustees of their election.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft read the report of the Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of other funds.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining the Annual Reports of the Treasurer of the Convention and for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund would respectfully report, that they have complied with your request and find the statements correct.

S. S. MORRIS,
E. G. ROTE,
C. B. LAMB,
Committee.

The report was accepted.

The Rev. J. E. Wilkinson read the report of the Local

Secretary for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews.

The report was accepted. (See appendix.)

The report of the Local Secretary of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry was read and accepted. (See appendix.)

The report of the Local Secretary of Missions to Indians and Colored People was read and accepted. (See appendix.)

Dr. Geo. H. Cleveland offered the following :

Resolved, That each delegate of this Convention be entitled to five copies of the Journal of this Convention for distribution among the Laity.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Convention excused Mr. James Vosper, Mr. E. T. Montgomery and George H. Cleveland, M. D., from further attendance.

Rev. J. S. Large was invited to the Chair.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Bishop took the Chair.

After singing the Gloria in Excelsis, the Bishop gave a few parting words and pronounced the Blessing of Peace.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, D. D.,

President.

J. N. RIPPEY,

HORATIO B. LEWIS,

Secretary.

Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX "A."

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of Western Michigan:

We are permitted to meet in our Fourteenth Annual Convention. While we thus record our diocesan youth, we should remember that the Church on our territory had a long prior existence. Our sister diocese of Indiana commemorates, in these days, her half century of life, the Diocese of which we were formerly part, passed that line six years since. This is to be considered when we are busy with the figures and facts of Church growth. I have no intention of entering on this study at this time, but while we may not need our length of days to keep us humble—it would be hard for us to be anything but humble—this may urge us to the energy that in its sacred forms is necessary to our Diocesan advancement.

THE DECEASE OF BISHOPS.

The opening of a Bishop's address is uniformly the notice of brother prelates who have departed this life in the year. The House of Bishops makes no further reference to its deceased members than the announcement by the Presiding Bishop, on the first day of the session, of "the fact and date of death of members of this House, who have died since its last meeting, without word or comment," followed by the Lord's Prayer, a special Collect, the Collect for all Saints' Day, the Collect in the Visitation office: "O God, whose days, etc." and "The grace of our Lord," etc. (Rules of Order, House of Bishops, No. 4.) To the Bishops, in their addresses to their Conventions, is left any official notice even of those who have been known, or whose influence has extended far beyond their own Dioceses.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, was so feeble in body when he sat in the House of Bishops, in Chicago, that it was no surprise when, on June 11, 1887, he entered into rest. Bishop Stevens was a man of too much intellectual force and learning, and of too marked traits of character, not to be known and honored beyond the leading Diocese of his immediate charge. During his Episcopate, of a little over a quarter of a century, while beyond the ordinary duties of his office, he was active in developing the agencies of benevolence, which have made his See city renowned for good works; he made the whole Church his debtor by his volumes of careful study of parts of Holy Scripture and his charges. It was his happiness to leave his Diocese in charge of one tried and not found wanting, who had been the "true yoke fellow" in his last days.

The death of the Rt. Rev. Robert Woodward Barnwell Elliott, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Western Texas, August 28, 1887, sent a thrill of sorrow through the whole Church. One of the youngest of the Missionary Bishops, he was so loved and valued in his distant field, so popular in his address and manners in the centres of

Church influence and refinement, that all were slow to heed the admonition of his exhausted strength; even those of us who in Chicago looked day by day on his countenance, that told the wearing out life, thought rather of the needed rest than the coming grave. His life is one more for the heroes of missions.

And another of the pioneers in the Church's western work has been called away after an Episcopate of less than eight years. The Rt. Rev. George Kelly Dunlop died at his post, March 12, 1888. The Church sent him to one of her hard fields, but it is the witness of those who should best know his work; "His course in the Missionary Bishopric was marked by singular devotion and practical wisdom, and not only in his jurisdiction, but wherever he went throughout the Church, he won the hearts of clergy and people. Though the field of his labor was one of great discouragement, yet he never uttered a complaint, but kept at his work full of cheer and hope and courage." (Spirit of Missions, April, 1888.)

I had closed, as I thought, this painful list, when on Wednesday, May 2, I received a telegram of the death, on that morning, of the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hobart Brown, S. T. D., Bishop of Fond du Lac. My relations with Bishop Brown, a fellow trustee of Nashotah and Racine College, were very intimate; and no one could be with him without admiring his well balanced mind, his remarkable business ability, and becoming attached to him for his frank, generous spirit, his pure goodness of character. His loss to the Church at large is scarcely less than to his Diocese. His work with the foreign population, so numerous in his field that he was wont to say, he "knew not but the first he would also be the last Bishop of Fond du Lac," was beyond what any Bishop has attempted, and was wisely developing this hitherto neglected branch of the Church's work.

When I have to record the decease of Bishops, my juniors, and when I recall the painful process by which even the choice of the new head of the Diocese has been reached, and the often refusal to accept the trust, I feel deeply interested in the Canon, "Of the solemn nomination and choosing of a Bishop," that will come before you, and I trust will not fail of careful consideration and action.

CONFIRMATION.

We commence our survey of the year with admission to Confirmation that tells not only the bringing up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but the results of our ministry with the ignorance and indifference of the adult. The number confirmed in 21 Parishes, 14 Missions and 2 other places is 270.

The admission of children, sometimes even below the age, the Church has commonly approved, renders advisable the continuance of special instruction after the laying on of hands. The practice of some Pastors of assembling past classes, presented by themselves or former Shepherds of the flock, to put them in solemn remembrance of their vow, and to bring them to self-examination before Heaven, is to be commended—it will be helpful to the faithful and may recover the lukewarm.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

In our Diocesan life, it is the period of the "blade." The "fields" are not yet "already white unto the harvest." Our encouragement is in the form "here a little and there a little." Where the Church has taken wealthier possession, such items as I put under the head of our prosperity, would in general seem scarcely worthy of note, yet they are 'our tokens,' and they have

our grateful mention. Allegan has been mindful of what the old homily urges, "the house of God, which we commonly call the Church, ought to be sufficiently repaired in all places, and to be honorably adorned and garnished." I cannot help quoting, though it is out of place, what follows: "and to be kept clean and sweet." Often the Church is rarely favored with what the housekeeper thinks a frequent necessity, and the common robing room were better designated as the *omnium gatherum*.

To return. Battle Creek has its altar memorials, that I regard with the more pleasure as they are of one who grew up by the side of my home. Coldwater has the same affecting additions to its chancel—the pulpit and the altar rail, in memory of Dr. D. C. Powers; the vases of Mr. D. S. Harrington, both wardens of long and faithful service. Charlotte has cheered us with life from the dead. Elk Rapids in payment of debt has made a long step toward consecration. Grand Rapids, St. Mark's, has at large expenditure improved its interior. It has the good symbolism of inward rather than outward beauty. Grace church is made more cheerful by night. Greenville wants the services and sacraments and has made partial provision. Kalamazoo paid over \$5,000 of church debt, and has added the font, memorial to one whose good record was placed on our Journal in the year of his decease. Luther has secured two good lots and with Diocesan aid paid for. Marshall is so certain to build the long needed Chapel that I must have the pleasure of putting it on my record. Muskegon is happy to say, the burden of debt is lifted off my hands and heart. At last I can change countenance and tone when I speak of Manistee. The people, under their good leadership, have shown a mind to work and to give; they support their Rector and will build at once. Newaygo not only has the fortnightly services of the Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, but he is aiding the removal of their debt. Petoskey has developed as no Mission in our field has done before, and unless we mean shamefully to shut the open door, will see the way clear to build this summer. Saugatuck has surprised us and shown the old adage true in calling a Rector.

So the tale ends. I would I could tell how Battle Creek builds its Rectory; St. Mark's and Grace, Grand Rapids, look ahead, as the parishes in a growing city should, and both secure the land they must before very long need; Hastings finds at home the means to build its long deferred church, recognizing that, comparatively, dollars must come from within and chiefly dimes from without; Muskegon catches the spirit of its populous, pushing city, and prepares to move out of the little church that shames us when we look at the houses of worship around it. And more than this, I would I could tell you of six or more added laborers, who are securing us good foothold on new ground, and bringing life and motion into decayed parishes.

THE VACANCY AND SUPPLY OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

More certain than our items of progress is our record of changes, delays, and consequent injury to our work. Albion and Homer lost their active Minister in December, and they have not yet said to me, "We are ready for his successor." Allegan, in September, sought and found a Rector from further west. Elk Rapids had a pastor just long enough to know what a good work he was doing among them, when filial obligation compelled his departure. Grace, Grand Rapids, did what it were wise for parishes oftener to do, when a very short rectorship ended, called one already found faithful in another parish of the Diocese. Grand Haven has very lately

fallen into good hands. Hastings has lived all the year in temporary charge. Ionia, in August, happily terminated its long vacancy. Mt. Pleasant had its brief pastorate painfully terminated, but immediately passed into loyal charge. Marshall, soon after the Convention, found its Rector in the Diocese. Niles, though warned of the Canon, only lately moved in the matter of filling the Rectorship. Union City has lost its small measure of church privilege in the removal of the officiating Minister. Aside from mention already made, Holland has received the kind attention of the Rector of Allegan; Whitehall of Muskegon; Morley of Big Rapids; Traverse City of Elk Rapids; Schoolcraft of Kalamazoo; Greenville of Ionia. The General Missionary has given his attention specially to Luther, Charlevoix, Greenville, Stanton, Pentwater, East Jordan, Charlotte, Rockford, Paw Paw, and made other visits. The only points for which no provision has been made are Three Rivers, Eaton Rapids, Saranac, Baldwin, Cooperville, Ewart, Tus-
tin; and these with more desire would have had more attention.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

We are not so narrow-minded as to exclude from our thoughts, prayers and alms, the great field of the Church in our own land, and the heathen given to our dear Lord for his inheritance. The table of contributions from September 1, 1887, for the year, shows the Diocese contributing to Domestic Missions, \$341.59; Foreign Missions, \$177.66; General Missions and specials, \$207.63; Total, \$726.88; nearly one hundred less than the previous year. The last Lent we fell into line with the Dioceses that devote the children's offerings of the season to General Missions. The sum realized was \$180: some of the Parishes, and especially the Missions, did nobly.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND THE CONVOCATIONS.

The leading gathering of the clergy has been at Ionia and Battle Creek. We have been indebted to clergymen of the Diocese of Michigan for valuable services, and at the last conference the Rev. Mr. McKim presented the missionary work in Japan in a way that should tell on our interest in Foreign Missions.

The convocations have been held at Pentwater and Benton Harbor. The Quiet Day was at Kalamazoo. The attendance upon these meetings and consequently their interests will depend on what every clergyman should recognize, that ordinary parochial engagements should yield to important Diocesan interests.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Missionary work in our border is wisely arranged and effective in its working. Eight clergymen are receiving stipends from the funds of the Diocese and the grant of the General Board, amounting to \$2,450. Special grants have been made to the amount of about \$275. The number of places regularly served by the missionaries is seven, the General Missionary extending constant care to 8. Occasional services are given by all the missionaries, and several of the parochial clergy. In all, 42 places are brought more or less under Church influences.

The Missionaries are promptly paid by the Board. The inquiries addressed every quarter to the Wardens or officers of a mission: "Is the salary paid up to the end of the quarter? If not, what portion was unpaid at the end of the previous quarter? Why is the salary not paid up? When will this indebtedness be met?"

while they have elicited some sharp answers, have made the Missions realize that they must keep faith with their spiritual guides and the Diocese. The position of a clergymen in charge of a Mission is vague and uncertain. I have felt this, and while I feel that so far as permanency of relation and rights, it should be the same as those of a Rector when the duties and responsibilities are alike; I have been unable to see how this could be affected. Probably a contract of payment could be so drawn as to make the officers or subscribers responsible for the year. But even if the time could be made indefinite, the circumstances of a Mission are generally such that it cannot incur lengthened responsibility, and the Missionary Board cannot fix the stipend beyond a year. In the matter of continued pastoral relation, the Canon that protects the Rector will not reach the Missionary, and while the Bishop's appointment can be terminated only for cause, this is of little avail so long as he cannot provide support. I have endeavored to meet the difficulty by a form of agreement, by which the officers of the Mission request the Bishop to appoint the clergyman named, for the charge of their Mission, and bind themselves to pay a certain sum in monthly installments, to be responsible for any failure of subscribers, and when they desire to terminate the relation to give three months notice.

In former addresses I have earnestly recommended a second General Missionary; I must now say, that this measure is an absolute necessity. It results from the good work of our present missionary that places have been opened up to an interest and opportunity that must be met. When the people have secured their lots and are ready to build, or there has been a decided accession by Confirmation, there must be more than a service every six weeks or two months. Regular and more frequent appointments must be made, and instead of always flying visits, the Church's representative must three or four times a year spend the interval between Sundays on the ground. For this only plan of successful work there should be four General Missionaries; there must be immediately two. The means will not be wanting with generous pledges, and by Parishes long aided, assuming as they should the entire or a much larger share of the support of their ministers.

The present necessity of our work in our own borders is, means for church erection. Manistee, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Luther, Holland, are all trying to build. They need assistance and they should have it. The Missionary treasurer has opened a fund account for Church erection, the credits so far have been chiefly from Sunday schools and individuals.

Our opportunity for larger help of all our extension work lies with our abler Parishes. An inspection of reports will show, that commonly contributions beyond the Parish are very small sums compared with the money used within. In a Diocese of so many wants as ours, and where strength is only something longed for and labored for; there is a duty of self-denial on parishes that have made good their place by age and opportunity, even to waiting for convenience and adornment that new foundations may be laid and feeble beginnings cherished. Otherwise where is the consistency of the prayer that is or should be often offered, "that every parish may look not on its own things alone but also on the things of others."

SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

In regard to organizations for Church health and growth, our policy has been, that all should be aided according to their value and our ability; and that our Parishes should be interested in

and benefited by their various modes of operation. I have before expressed the fear that society-making was running ahead of actual needs, and getting the better of true Church spirit and policy. Yet certain objects must appeal to the Church and do their work through organization. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry ought to have a strong hold on the heart and hand of the Church in these days, when we have to come to the danger of "the candlestick being removed out of its place," by a condition of things described—"The actual ratio to-day is one newly ordained man a year to 34,000 communicants, a reduction of one-half the supply in 1874, on the basis of the absolute losses only; the actual increase of the Ministry in forty-five annually, to provide for the growth of the Church in various forms and directions of its life." Though we have an offering Sunday for this society, by its last report, while we took out of its treasury a substantial sum for one of our candidates, we replaced a smaller part than I care to mention. The American Church Building Fund Commission has returned to the struggle for the million, though it seems out of sight. Western Michigan has by contribution very little stock in the important enterprise. The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes needs no better plea on Epiphany Sunday than the devotion of the brother who ministers to his people among us. The Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies have been so liberal to us. I wish we might show some tangible return on Whitsunday. The Church Temperance Society seems to me to have its field rather in large cities. The best temperance society for our ordinary Parishes is, the condemnation, by precept and practice, of the use of all stimulants, however they may be taken; the hearty support at any cost of the State laws; and adhering to temperance in all things," in the protest against that intoxication of amusement that is no less deleterious to the soul and ruinous of true life than are the liquor and opium damaging to the body and destructive of a useful and noble career. The organized efforts to prevent cruelty to animals should have our sympathy, as the evidence of "bowels of compassion," the recognition of the common Creator, and as all forms and degrees of cruelty are the hardening of the heart of youth and age against man and God. The fourth Sunday after Trinity that reminds us that "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," (the Epistle) is very suitable for an appeal that should include the youthful mind and heart.

THE OFFER OF A HOUSE FOR A DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

We have been accustomed to listen to a report on Christian Education. To some this has seemed a useless part of our proceedings, as the subject could be dealt with only in a general way. To-day Christian education comes home to us, we drop the generalities and deal with serious details. The circumstances are these: At our Diocesan Church Conference, held at Ionia in November last, it was semi-officially announced that Mr. H. C. Akeley had tendered his mansion at Grand Haven, lately erected at a cost with the lots of \$47,000, to the Diocese of Western Michigan for educational purposes. Soon after, I met the generous donor to express to him my own sense and that of the Diocese of his generosity, which had been previously expressed in a series of resolutions passed by the Conference; and received from him the deed of the property made by Mrs. Akeley to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan. The donors make no conditions further than the implied expectation that the purpose will be female education, in the expressed wish that the christian name,

Blanche, of a daughter whose life of eleven years ended within the walls of this home, might be in the school title. January 4, 1888, a meeting was held at Grand Rapids, the Clergy having been requested "to attend with such prominent gentlemen of their Parishes as they might see fit to notify." The attendance was chiefly of persons from Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Articles of incorporation had been prepared and were presented, but after discussion the conclusion was reached to take no action further than requesting the Bishop to appoint a committee to secure funds toward an endowment and to present the whole subject to the Convention for their consideration. I accordingly appointed a committee of two Clergymen and eighteen laymen, only one of whom declined to serve. An effort was made subsequently by the Chairman, Mr. Thomas A. Parish, of Grand Haven, to bring the members together, but without success, though letters were received from nearly all expressing their interest in the enterprise. Up to this time \$1,500 has been subscribed by two persons, and subscriptions have been promised at Grand Haven.

This is, briefly told, the history to this time. The matter comes before the Convention asking the moral support of its endorsement and sympathy, and seeking counsel as to measures for establishment.

I can but recognize here a providential opening. The donors are not of our Communion. Into all the motives that may prompt them, we have no right to inquire; while we are deeply grateful to them for their munificence, we see the hand of Him to whom His Church is ever looking for her increase and stability in the earth. And I may add that since this opportunity came to us, one and another circumstance has seemed as the smile of heaven, and while I can see more clearly than some of you "the adversaries" and that they are "many," I do feel that "a great door and effectual is opened unto us."

I have long felt that whenever the Diocese could emerge from being a group of Parishes and Missions, a girls' boarding and day school should be the first venture. We are the only religious body of name and strength in Michigan without church schools. The Diocese has ability of endowment by absolute gift so far as to lay a good foundation. Some of our people have given largely to schools of other religious bodies in their localities. Beyond this, there are certainly many who can subscribe annually for two or three years to carry us through the trying period.

I can only add what I have said elsewhere: "Looking forward, I can have no stronger desire than that I may see this school firmly established. I believe that I could not leave the Diocese what would be more for its benefit. Should the project fail, and we be compelled to return the property to the generous donor, the latter days of my Episcopate would be clouded, and I feel that a spirit of discouragement would settle down on the Diocese. I am willing to exert myself as God may give me wisdom and strength, provided the Clergy and Laity will join hands with me in labor and liberality."

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

I spent Christmas Day at the Industrial Home for Girls. It was my joy to tell these children of frailty and misfortune of Him who brings grace and peace for every mind and heart. And on New Year's Day in the Prison at Jackson, in the same blessed ministry, to show how, through the glorious gospel, the wasted life may be redeemed; and, if not before, at the gate of death there may be

deliverence to the captives, and the prison may open into the mansions of light. I have made fourteen other visits to State Institutions, have inspected twenty-three jails and thirteen poor houses. I have attended the Conference and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities at Alma, and of the Convention of the Superintendents of the Poor at Adrian, and meetings of the Board. Beyond the State I have visited the Milwaukee County Asylum, at Wauwatosa.

The Board of Corrections and Charities, in thier effort to overcome what is the great obstacle to reform in penal and pauper matters, the ignorance and consequent indifference of the people, have addressed the colleges and the different bodies of Christians, through their annual assemblages, asking study and discussion on these topics.

WARNINGS OF THE TIMES.

This address has necessarily been devoted almost entirely to Diocesan business. In the line of wider interests I will detain you only to utter what seems to me counsels that the times force upon the attention of every formal gathering of the Clergy and Laity.

There are two great movements at this present time in the Church—Liturgical Revision and Christian Unity. Both have their serious importance, and, as is usual with great questions, both have their dangers. The Liturgical movement certainly means, not that for the time being canons and rubrics are so relaxed that instead of there being the ordering of divine service, the minister is free to set aside and select as he will. We have not yet come to the parochial use. The "shall" of the rubric is to-day just what it was before any changes were thought of. And it is a wise and a true conscience that is wanting when a minister's taste or indifference sets it aside.

However wide the interest in Christian Unity, it means no relaxing of the restriction which the doctrine of the Holy Ministry imposes upon "ministering in the congregation." It is not for every minister, however sustained by the sentiment of his Parish, to act out his church unity ideas. The Church has always taught that "it is not lawful for any man to take upon him the office of public preaching any more than "ministering the Sacraments before he be lawfully called and sent to execute the same." We have not an open pulpit.

My brethren of the Clergy and Laity, we are put in trust of the Ark of God in a day when great questions are being agitated, and are seeking formal abiding decision. The two-fold wisdom is demanded, that we "despise not the signs of the times," and yet we lose not our reverence for "the old paths, the good way, and walk therein." We remember that principles are unchangeable, only action under them is variable. We feel and act as knowing that not individual sentiment, but authority speaking from its high and holy places, must decide what "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" demand.

LEGISLATION.

I ask the Convention to look into the propriety of recognizing, in Canon IX, the General Statute of "Church and Religious Societies." (Howell's Annotated Statutes, Sections 4617-4646) as applicable to our Parishes, where the Statute of "Protestant Episcopal Churches" (Sections 4659-4666) does not prescribe. The terms employed, as "rector, church wardens, vestrymen," imply that the Statute includes our churches, and there are important provisions

that are not in our special law. (See Sections 4621, 4622, 4631, 4624, 4645.

I also recommend such amendment of Canon XIX, Section 3, as will add to the "power to raise, to receive and to expend money" for the objects there named; to apply the general funds of the Board for these objects, and also for the purchase of land and erection of churches and chapels, and the promotion of Christian education. The support of Missionaries will always have the first claim, but there will be times when some of the objects named may have even prior necessity and when the treasury will allow of such aid.

The action of one of the Missions, the members organizing themselves into a Parish, brings to our special attention Section 7, of Canon XX. "The change from the 'Mission' to the 'Parish' may be made when the station is provided with a church building and is able to support a Rector without missionary aid." This Mission has the second but not the first qualification for the "change." Aside from this, the question arises, whether a Mission may of its own will dissolve, and its members proceed to form themselves into a Parish. The status in this case is, a legally organized Parish under the State law, known to the Convention only as a Mission, yet unable to claim Lay representation. I have placed the minister's name on the list of Clergy as known to me as in charge of a Mission.

THE PRESENT CONVENTION.

At our last Convention we acted on a suggestion which had been made in former Conventions, and with a view to which the Constitution was altered—closing the business on Wednesday evening. The result was thoroughly unsatisfactory. Business was hastily dispatched, important matters had no proper consideration, and our Journal painfully shows the undue haste. In taking order of our present session, I have contemplated the business occupying so much of Thursday as may be necessary. Beyond the routine business we have matters before us of unusual importance.

I trust our interest in "the kingdom that can not be moved," our sense of a higher citizenship than that whose duties are so readily and liberally discharged, will secure the presence of the Laity to any reasonable length of discussion and decision. Scarcely can we expect, "by the same Spirit, who as at this time did teach the hearts of the faithful, by sending them His light, to have a right judgment in all things," unless we have so "set our affection to the house of our God" that we are willing to give to its affairs the time and attention that from week to week we are bestowing on secular employments and aims.

JOURNAL OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

1887.—June 7, 8, Tuesday evening, Wednesday, *Big Rapids*, St. Andrew's, the Convention. Of the Clergy in charge of Parishes and Missions, all but two were present. Nine Parishes and four Missions were represented by twenty-five laymen. To the usual routine of business were added discussion and action on a new apportionment in lay representation, on the rights of the Bishop in the call and settlement of a minister, on Lay Helpers, on Sunday School Instruction, on Church Unity.

June 12, First Sunday after Trinity, *Grand Rapids*, St. Mark's, officiated twice, the Rector giving services at Charlevoix.

June 19, Second Sunday after Trinity, *Ionia*, St. John's, officiated at both services with the Holy Communion, and examined the Sunday school. Lay services were sustained.

June 25, Saturday, *Charlevoix*, baptized an infant.

June 26, Third Sunday after Trinity, *Charlevoix*, Christ Mission, officiated, confirmed 14, and administered the Holy Communion. The place was sad with the recent catastrophe on the water.

Afternoon, *East Jordan*, officiated and baptized an infant.

June 28, 29, Tuesday, Wednesday, *Nashotah House*, attended the meeting of the Trustees, and was present at the Induction of the Rev. George C. Carter, elected President. In the payment of debt, increased number of students, and accessions to the Faculty, the outlook was encouraging. The decease of Bishop Brown will be a great loss to *Nashotah*. His admirable business tact has been invaluable, and he has never hesitated to render any service.

July 1, Friday, *Battle Creek*, attended the funeral of Mrs. Carrie R. Hinman, endeared to me by familiarity from her childhood and her lovely character.

July 3, Fourth Sunday after Trinity, *Elk Rapids*, St. Paul's, preached twice, confirmed 2, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the Sunday School. The Rector had accepted a charge in the Diocese.

July 10, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, *Charlevoix*, Christ Mission, A. M. officiated, P. M. at the Resort.

July 17, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, *Mt. Pleasant*, St. John's Mission, officiated at two services, and met the Sunday School.

July 21, Thursday, Bishop's Study, Meeting of the Board of Missions to fix the appropriations for the year.

July 24, Seventh Sunday after Trinity, *Manistee*, St. Paul's Mission, preached twice, and confirmed 11, who had been prepared by the Rev. F. S. De Mattos, of Louisiana, who was officiating in his vacation.

July 28, Thursday, *Chicago*, officiated at a wedding.

July 30, Saturday, *Bay View*, read a paper in the Minister's Assembly on "The Peculiarities of Ministers as related to their success in winning souls." As there were very few men in the Assembly, I presume the Ministers had departed for their Sunday duty.

July 31, Eighth Sunday after Trinity, *Petoskey*, Emmanuel Mission, officiated twice. The Rev. Mr. Hopkins, of Toledo, came soon after, and conducted services for several weeks of great value to the Mission.

August 7, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, *Harbor Springs*, St. John's Mission, officiated twice, and met the Sunday School. The Rev. Dr. Van Antwerp, of Des Moines, Iowa, and the Rev. Mr. Rippey supplied this place with Traverse City and Charlevoix during the summer. The offerings nearly met the appropriations of the Board.

August 14, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, *East Jordan*, officiated morning and afternoon with the Holy Communion. Evening, met the candidates for confirmation.

August 21, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, *Harbor Springs*, St. John's Mission, officiated twice. The Rev. W. Elmer, who has shown a kind interest in this Mission, offered to open the Church after the Clergy named had left.

August 28, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, *Allegan*, Good Shepherd, officiated at evening and morning services. On Saturday evening, I met the Vestry in reference to filling the Rectorship.

August 30, 31, Tuesday, Wednesday, *Pentwater*, St. James' Mis-

sion, Convocation of Grand Rapids, six Clergymen were present. Wednesday morning the church was consecrated. The instrument of donation and endowment was read by Mr. J. W. Loomis, warden; the sentence of consecration by the Rev. J. B. Prichard, to whose persevering, painful labor we are so much indebted for the building; the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. N. Rippey. The building is what such missions need, comfortable but plain.

September 4, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, *Holland, Grace*, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and addressed the children. I also conferred with the parishioners in reference to rebuilding and site.

September 11, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, *East Jordan, A. M.*, preached, confirmed 7 and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., the General Missionary preached. Our earnest little band will receive a lot as a gift, provided they can see their way to build on it.

September 18, Tuesday, Ann Arbor, attended the Probate Court in the matter of the will of Mrs. Mary Chambers. This business has required subsequent visits.

September 18, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, *Niles, Trinity*, officiated twice in the vacant Parish, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the children. On Saturday evening I met the Vestry, and finding the financial matters in much confusion, urged proper financiering.

September 19, Monday, *Centerville*, visited the only Church family I could find in the place.

September 20, 21, Tuesday, Wednesday, *Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity Mission*, Convocation of Kalamazoo. Seven clergymen were present. The venerable Minister and the Church people showed their appreciation of the coming of the Clergy; and the Mission and the Diocese were brought in sympathy.

September 25, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, *Baldwin, St. Matthew's Mission*, held two services. My visit was rather to the property than to the parishioners, they are so few. The rents have been partly paid to the Association in trust, partly used to improve and protect the property.

October 2, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, *Traverse City, Grace*, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Pardee, during his stay in Elk Rapids, at much cost of time and comfort, gave services here, and tried to rouse the dormant parish to use their ability. Such indifference is an ungrateful return for the Missionary and other aid the Diocese has given.

October 9, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, *Paw Paw, St. Mark's*, officiated twice. During the summer, Mr. S. D. Hamilton, of the Gen. Theological Seminary, New York, gave very acceptable services here.

October 16, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, *Rockford, St. James' Mission*, officiated morning and evening, with the Holy Communion. Removals have made the work here drag very heavily. Five hundred dollars is owing the Am. M. Church Building Fund Commission and only the interest paid. When will people learn to build within their means?

October 17, Monday, met the Board of Missions.

October 20, 21, Thursday and Friday, *Rochester, N. Y.*, attended, as representing the Grand Rapids Society, the annual meeting of the American Humane Society.

October 25, 26, Tuesday and Wednesday, *Philadelphia*, was present at the Missionary Council. This was a great improvement on the old Board of Missions, but when so large a body, including the

special Missionary officials and workers of the Church, are brought together, it seems a waste of power to shut the work into a two days meeting. The Missionary Bishop of Montana speaks my mind: "I would have the Missionary Council last for eight days; begin on Sunday and close on Sunday; have a grand Missionary service on Sunday morning with sermon, and in the evening missionary services in all the Churches of the city and vicinity, utilizing the power of Bishops, Presbyters and Laymen for the purpose. Then, every day of the week devoted to the discussion of the various questions relating to the missionary field, every evening missionary meetings in as many churches as possible, appointing representative men as speakers. The second Sunday a repetition of the first. Stir up the whole region, reach as many parishes and as many hearts as possible. Make the occasion a revival of missionary spirit and effort." (Spirit of Missions for May, 1898)

October 27, 28, Thursday and Friday, special meeting of the House of Bishops. Aside from the election of two Missionary Bishops, there was opportunity for informal discussions for which there is no time at the ordinary meetings of the House.

October 30, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, *Philadelphia*, Church of the Transfiguration, preached twice for the Rev. Dr. Corbett, who has so kindly retained his interest in our Diocese, and from whom and his excellent wife I had received unwearied attentions.

November 6, Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, *Grand Haven*, St. John's, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the children.

November 13, Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, *Ludington*, Grace, preached twice and met the children. The venerable Rector has resorted to an operation for the partial restoration of sight. May his prayer and ours be granted.

November 15-17, *Ionia*, St. John's, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Thirteen of our Clergy were present, and three esteemed brethren from the Diocese of Michigan. The sermon before the Woman's Auxiliary was preached by the Rev. John M. McCarroll, of Detroit. The meeting was full of interest and profit. In future it is proposed to hold an annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary separate as to time and place.

November 20, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, *Muskegon*, St. Paul's, officiated with the Holy Eucharist, the Rector going to Whitehall.

November 24, Thanksgiving Day, rendered praise and thanks with the Parish of Emmanuel, *Hastings*, and preached.

November 25, *Grand Haven*, a conference of those immediately interested with regard to the proposed School.

November 27, Advent Sunday, *Pentwater*, St. James' Mission, A. M., officiated with Holy Communion, before same baptized an infant; P. M., in private baptized an infant and confirmed a sick person; evening, officiated in observance of Intercession Day.

November 29, Intercession Day, *Grand Rapids*, St. Mark's, officiated.

December 4, Second Sunday in Advent, *Grand Rapids*, Grace, A. M., officiated with the Holy Communion. The Rev. J. E. Walton took the charge in the interval between the rectorships with great acceptableness to the Parish. Evening, St. Mark's, officiated.

December 11, Third Sunday in Advent, *Saugatuck*, All Saints', A. M., officiated and confirmed one. Met the Sunday School. P. M., confirmed a sick person in private. Evening, officiated.

December 18, First Sunday in Advent, *Charlotte*, officiated with the Holy Communion and visited the Sunday School. Held a conference in reference to establishing the Church. The revival of interest is owing to persons coming in.

December 25, Christmas Day, The Industrial Home, *Adrian*, spent the day in services, instructions and visiting the cottages. The Rev. Mr. Cooper, the Rector of Christ Church, has endeared himself to the inmates by his attentions.

December 28, Wednesday, *Muskegon*, assisted in the solemnization of Holy Matrimony.

1888.—January 1, First Sunday after Christmas and Circumcision, *Michigan State Prison*, A. M., preached to nearly eight hundred prisoners.

January 4, Wednesday, *Chapel of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids*, a meeting in reference to the gift of Mr. H. C. Akeley of his mansion at Grand Haven for a school.

January 6, Epiphany Evening, *St. Mark's, Grand Rapids*, I attended a meeting I had called of the city Rectors and Vestries, that I might lay before them my views as to the interests of each Parish and the extension of the Church in the city generally. It was determined to hold a monthly meeting in the Churches in turn for the study of Church work, and a monthly meeting of the Clergy. The plan has been carried out with fair success.

January 8, First Sunday after Epiphany, *Albion*, S. James', A. M., officiated with the Holy Communion and met the Sunday School. Evening, baptized and confirmed an adult. Lay services are sustained in the vacancy. I would be glad to see the Parish more earnest to secure a Rector.

January 9, Monday, *Schoolcraft*, held services in a private house. In response to the desire for church privileges, the Rector of S. Luke's, *Kalamazoo*, officiates occasionally.

January 15, Second Sunday after Epiphany, *Big Rapids*, S. Andrew's, A. M., preached, confirmed five, administered the Holy Communion and addressed the Sunday School. P. M., confirmed an aged man in private. Evening, preached on I. Corinthians, VII., this being suggested as Marriage Sunday.

January 18, Wednesday, took the service for the Rector at *S. Mark's, Grand Rapids*.

January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany, *Marshall*, A. M. preached and met Sunday School. Evening, confirmed twenty-one.

January 24, Tuesday, *Ann Arbor*, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting of the Diocese of Michigan, preached the Missionary Sermon at the request of the Diocesan and attended the afternoon session, making a brief address.

January 29, Septuagesima, *Whitehall*, Redeemer, A. M., officiated with the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated and conferred with the parishioners, started a subscription for insurance.

February 1, Wednesday, *Agricultural College*, baptized an infant.

February 3, Friday evening, *Grand Rapids*, S. Paul's, the first of the proposed services for Church workers. After the presentation of the topic, the meeting became an In memoriam for the Rev. Melanethon Hoyt, D. D., the Rev. D. D. Van Antwerp, D. D., and the Rev. J. P. Tustin, D. D., all of whom had lately died and had been in charge of S. Mark's Church.

February 5, Sexagesima, *Homer*, Christ, officiated at both services with the Holy Communion. I urged to deed the property to the Association in trust.

February 6, Monday evening, *Union City*, Grace, P. M., confirmed a sick person in private. Evening, officiated.

February 7, Tuesday, *Three Rivers*, endeavored in vain to find the remaining members of the Vestry to urge deeding the property to the Association.

February 7 and 8, Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kalamazoo*, St. Luke's, the Quiet Day for the Clergy. Eleven Clergymen were present, and the Rev. Mr. McLean, of Michigan, who preached on Wednesday evening.

February 12, Quinquagesima, *Grand Haven*, S. John's, officiated twice, administered the Holy Communion and talked to the Sunday School. I explained to the people Diocesan pledges and assessments, and was assured that in future they should have attention.

February 15, Ash Wednesday, *Adrian*, in attendance on the Convention of the Superintendents of the Poor. I delivered an address in Christ Church at request of the Rector.

February 19, First Sunday in Lent, *Holland*, Grace, officiated twice. I did not administer the Holy Communion as the services were in the Opera House, and I dislike to have such holy services in these places, used as they are for every form of amusement. The building of the Church is with painful deliberation.

February 24, S. Matthias, the anniversary of my Consecration, *St. Mark's, Grand Rapids*, celebrated the Holy Communion. Miss Holmes' Sunday School class soon after presented the map of the Diocese as a memento of the occasion.

February 26, Second Sunday in Lent, *Grand Rapids*, Trinity, A. M., preached, confirmed three and administered the Holy Communion.

February 27, Monday, *Saranac*, I attended a called meeting of the friends of the Church to determine what should be done in reference to the Church, badly damaged by lightning.

February 29, Wednesday, *Lourell*, I was called here by information that a lot purchased in 1871 for a future parish, paid \$125, had been seized by heirs at law of the grantor, and a building placed on it. I have placed the matter before the Trustees. There is also a note for \$111 which it is thought may be collected. The place is growing, and we have an offer of a lot on Sweet & Smith's addition.

March 2, Friday evening, *Trinity, Grand Rapids*, meeting of the Parishes.

March 4, Third Sunday in Lent, *Albion*, S. James', officiated morning and evening with Holy Communion. I urged to pay the back assessments, and thus secure representation.

March 11, Fourth Sunday in Lent, *Battle Creek*, S. Thomas', A. M., preached and confirmed six, administered the Holy Communion, addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached to a small congregation.

March 14, Wednesday evening, *Grand Rapids*, Grace, lectured.

March 18, Fifth Sunday in Lent, *Mt. Pleasant*, S. John's Mission, preached and confirmed one, after which I baptized two children in private. P. M., addressed the children. Evening, preached in reference to the course of the then Minister, I append a statement I sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction, with the Canonical notice of his deposition:

Rev. Frederick C. Lee came to this Diocese in June, 1887, on his very earnest solicitation, and was placed in charge of one of our best Missions. He was for some time my guest, and I visited his Mission on March 18, yet at no time did he refer to any doubts or difficulties in his relation to the Church and its Ministry, nor was there on the latter occasion any indication of a mind struggling with a momentous question.

Yet, under date March 29th, he wrote me, "I have determined to change my field of labor by entering the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church." "My sole cause for change is 'Rites and Ceremonies' and not for doctrine."

March 21, Wednesday evening, *Grand Haven*, S. John's, held a Lenten service.

March 23, Friday, *Grand Rapids, Trinity*, a Lenten lecture.

March 25, Sunday before Easter, *Niles*, Trinity, officiated twice, and gave the long vacant Parish the benefit of the Holy Eucharist. I took occasion in noticing the decease of Hon. J. Eastman Johnson, an excellent man and my valued friend, and two other aged men since my last visit, to urge the young men to take up earnestly the work of the Parish, and especially to call a Rector without further delay. I regret that a legacy of \$800 could not have been reserved at the beginning for an endowment fund instead of being used to pay debt.

March 27, Tuesday in Holy Week, *Ionia*, S. John's. Evening, preached and confirmed ten.

March 30, Good Friday, *Benton Harbor*, Holy Trinity Mission, A. M., preached. Evening, preached and confirmed nine. P. M., confirmed one from Trinity Parish, Niles.

April 1, Easter Day, *Allegan*, Good Shepherd, A. M., at an early service, confirmed four. 10:30 A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, attended an admirable children's service and preached to the youth.

April 8, First Sunday after Easter, *Coldwater*, S. Mark's, A. M., preached, confirmed fifteen, administered the Holy Communion and visited the Sunday School. Evening, preached. P. M., *Quincy*, S. John's Mission, preached and confirmed eight. I fear we have lost part of the land bought and paid for, owing to some error in drawing the deed.

April 10 and 12, Tuesday and Thursday, *Battle Creek*, S. Thomas', the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Fifteen Clergy of the Diocese were present, and the Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, of Michigan, and the Rev. John McKim, of the Japan Mission, the former preaching the ad clerum and the latter presenting the Mission.

April 15, Second Sunday after Easter, *Grand Rapids, Grace*, A. M., preached and confirmed ten, administered the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated.

April 18, Wednesday, *Luther*, made my first visit here with the General Missionary. Evening, preached and confirmed nine.

April 22, Third Sunday after Easter, *Grand Rapids, St. Paul's*, A. M., preached and confirmed one. Evening, preached. The only way to build up this Parish is for those who should be locally interested to come and infuse new life into it. It should either have a live Vestry or be changed to a Mission.

April 25, St. Mark's Day, *Grand Rapids, St. Mark's*, evening, preached and confirmed twenty.

April 29, Fourth Sunday after Easter, *Kalamazoo*, St. Luke's, A. M., preached and confirmed thirty-two. Evening, preached. P. M., preached at *S. Barnabas Chapel*, baptized two infants in St. Luke's Chapel and spoke briefly to an infant class.

May 2, Wednesday, *Grand Rapids, S. Mark's*, evening, the monthly meeting of the Parishes.

May 6, Fifth Sunday after Easter, *Greenville*, S. Paul's Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and addressed the lately formed Sunday School.

May 7, Monday P. M., left for *Fond du Lac* to attend the funeral

of the Bishop. The delay of the boat prevented my rendering this tribute to his memory.

May 10, Ascension Day, *Grand Haven*, S. John's, A. M., preached and confirmed three. The Holy Communion was at an earlier hour.

May 13, Sunday after Ascension Day, *Petoskey*, Emmanuel Mission, A. M., preached, confirmed eleven, administered the Holy Communion. P. M., addressed the children. Evening, preached. The outlook is bright, as we see a church building in the near future.

May 14, Monday evening, *Charlevoix*, Christ Mission, after an instruction, confirmed eight. We need a Church and the money to build it.

May 15, Tuesday, *Harbor Springs*, S. John's Mission, evening, preached and confirmed five. The Rev. Mr. Stout who gives these places all the time he can spare. and who had prepared the candidates at Harbor Springs, accompanied me on this tour.

May 20, Whitsunday, *Manistee*, S. Paul's Mission, A. M., preached and confirmed four, with the Holy Communion. Evening, preached. It begins to look as though we had come to stay, but a Church is needed, after the long delay, to make it evident to all men.

May 22, Tuesday in Whitsun Week, evening, *Newaygo*, after services conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fair confirmed nine, to whose meetness he had given attention.

May 25, Friday P. M., *Muskegon*, S. Paul's, preached and confirmed eleven.

May 27, Trinity Sunday, *Grand Rapids*, S. Mark's, P. M., preached and confirmed eight, all males, making in all for the point for the year twenty-eight.

May 30, Wednesday, *Mt. Pleasant*, S. John's Mission, A. M., confirmed before service one. 10:30 A. M., admitted to the Priesthood the Missionary, the Rev. Normand Smith Boardman, acting by request of the Bishop of Connecticut. The ordination in their Church was very gratifying to the people, and I have no doubt will make the stronger the tie of pastor and people. The Rev. J. W. Bancroft presented the candidate, the Rev. Dr. Conover preached the sermon and with the Rev. Geo. Vernor united in the laying on of hands.

May, 31, *Charlotte*, Grace Mission, evening, preached and confirmed six. I reorganized the Mission.

June 3, First Sunday after Trinity, *Hastings*, Emmanuel, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed four.

June 4, Monday P. M., *Grand Rapids*, S. Mark's, confirmed one unable to be present at the late confirmation.

June 5, Tuesday P. M., *Grand Haven*, attended the meetings preliminary to the Convention.

LAY READERS.

(Holding license till Easter, 1889.)

Mr. James B. Murphy, Muskegon, St. Paul's, July 4, 1878.

Mr. William P. Brown, Charlevoix, Christ, January 17, 1887.

George H. Cleveland, M. D., Pentwater, St. James', April 15, 1887.

Mr. John M. Hayes, Homer, Christ, November 19, 1887.

Mr. L. P. Jocelyn, Muskegon, St. Paul's, September 14, 1887.

Mr. Louis S. Joy, New York City, December 1, 1887.

Mr. W. H. Stanhope, Ludington, Grace, November 19, 1887.

Mr. Cassius Alexander, Grand Ledge, April 14, 1888.

H. D. Thomason, M. D., Albion, St. James', December 25, 1887.

W. B. Williams, Good Shepherd, Allegan.

POSTULANT.

Ernest Willoughby Jewell, St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.
Harry Wright Perkins, St. Paul's, Manistee, January 16, 1888.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

George H. Clereland, M. D., for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," March 9, 1887.

Louis Schuyler Joy, for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," October 1, 1887.

Martin Damer, for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," September 1, 1887.

George C. Jenner, April 11, 1888. Signification not received.

ORDAINED.

May 30, 1888.—In St. John's Church, Mt. Pleasant, admitted to the Priesthood. *Rev. Normand Smith Boardman*, acting by request of the Bishop of Connecticut.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom transmitted.)

September 17, 1887.—The *Rev. Densmore D. Chapin*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Kentucky. Resigned as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, July 31, 1887.

October 19, 1887.—The *Rev. James A. McGilone*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Ceased to act as Missionary on St. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, July 17, 1887.

March 1, 1888.—The *Rev. Belno A. Brown*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Resigned the charge of St. James, Albion, and Christ, Homer, December 11, 1887.

April 2.—The *Rev. Artemus Welkerbee*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa. Resigned the charge of Grace, Union City, March, 1888.

April 7.—The *Rev. G. W. West*, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Central New York. Resigned Grace, Grand Rapids, September 19, 1887.

April 9, 1888.—The *Rev. Luther Pardee* to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Chicago. Resigned St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, April 1, 1888.

June 21, 1887.—The *Rev. G. W. S. Ayres* to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Resigned the charge of Grace Church, Holland. June 10, 1887, and Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, May 22, 1887.

LETTERS DISMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority of Western Michigan.)

August 22, 1887.—The *Rev. Robert Lynn*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Entered on his duties as Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia, August 14, 1887.

September 5, 1887.—The *Rev. Frederick C. Lee*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Maryland. Entered on his duties as Missionary at Mt. Pleasant, St. John's Mission, July 24, 1887.

September 29, 1887.—The *Rev. Charles T. Stout*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Ohio. Entered on his duties as Missionary at Petoskey, Emmanuel Mission, September 18, 1887.

October 14, 1887.—The *Rev. Luther Pardee*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Chicago. Entered on his duties as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, October 9, 1887.

November 26, 1887.—The *Rev. Henry E. S. Somerville*, from the

Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa. Entered on his duties as Missionary at Manistee, St. Paul's Mission, September 19, 1887.

November 26, 1887.—The *Rev. Woodford P. Law*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa. Entered on his duties as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, November 6, 1887.

April 3, 1888.—The *Rev. Albert E. Wells*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Nebraska. Entered on his duties as Rector of All Saints', Saugatuck, April 1, 1888.

April 17, 1888.—The *Rev. James E. Wilkinson*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Central New York. Entered on his duties as Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven, April 15, 1888.

May 30, 1888.—The *Rev. Normand Smith Boardman*, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Connecticut. Entered on his duties as Missionary for St. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, April 15, 1888.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

September 1, 1887.—The *Rev. William Morrall* having resigned St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, entered on his duties as Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

January 1, 1888.—The *Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.*, having resigned St. John's Church, Grand Haven, December 26, 1887, entered on his duties as Rector of Grace Church, January 1, 1888.

April 24, 1887.—The *Rev. J. E. Walton* resigned Trinity Church, Marshall. The date of resignation was January 31, 1887. (This notice was omitted in the record for 1886-'87.)

DEPOSED.

April 20, 1888.—3 P. M.—In St. Mark's Church Chapel, "deposed from the Ministry," the *Rev. Frederick C. Lee*, Presbyter, and "pronounced and recorded" the same in presence of the *Rev. J. Rice Taylor*, the *Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.*, and the *Rev. S. H. Woodford*, Presbyters. "Due notice of this deposition from the Ministry was given to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church in the form in which the same is recorded." Said deposition was under Title II. Canon 5.

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH.

August 31, 1887.—St. James' Church, Pentwater.

MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

May 31, 1888.—Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County, reorganized.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

Advent, 1887.—The Aim, Principles and Means of Personal Religion.

Quinquagesima Sunday, 1888.—A Lenten Pastoral for the Young. Before Convention.—An Appeal for Lay Representation in the Convention.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

The Rev. Luther Pardee paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	\$ 10 00
Capt. T. L. Fowler, Oregon, \$5, Mrs. Hiestor, Galesburg, \$3, paid to the New Book Fund.....	10 00
A lady of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, to be used for temporary loan, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	5 00
Miss Anna L. Beeson, Niles, paid to the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	25 00
A Church woman of Grand Rapids paid to the Church Erection Fund.....	100 00
The children of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Reynolds, Lansing, paid to the Church Erection Fund.....	13 07
Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie paid to the Church Erection Fund for Holland	50 00

Rev. B. F. Matraw, Saginaw City, from St. John's Church for Holland..	\$39 34
Rev. S. Corbett, D. D., Philadelphia, from Church of the Transfiguration, paid the Church Erection Fund.....	10 02
A Church woman paid the Church Erection Fund.....	10 00
Mr. W. L. Dibble, Marshall, for Charlevoix, sent Mr. W. P. Brown.....	25 00

MISSIONARY FUNDS FROM DOMESTIC BOARD.

Grant from the Board of Missions, September 1, 1887, to September 1, 1888.....	\$1,300 00
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APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SAME.

To General Missionary (Balance from previous year).....	\$100 00
To General Missionary.....	400 00
To Rev. F. C. Lee, Mt. Pleasant.....	87 50
To Rev. N. S. Boardman, Mt. Pleasant.....	62 50
To Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, Benton Harbor.....	100 00
To Rev. C. T. Stout, Petoskey.....	150 00
Unappropriated.....	500 00

VISITS TO SCHOOLS.

Benton Harbor, Paw Paw, Rockford, Ionia, Saugatuck, Homer, Union City, Holland, Battle Creek, Petoskey.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

November 9, 1887.—*Rev. John Norris McFarlane*, Deacon, by the Bishop of Missouri, for "causes not affecting his moral character."

January 24, 1888.—*Rev. James Davies*, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Maine. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

January 25, 1888.—*William Lounsbury Marks*, Deacon. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

February 5, 1888.—*Robert S. Pearson*, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Long Island. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

February 1, 1888.—*Henry Amos Lamson Peabody*, Deacon, by the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

March 21, 1888.—*Rev. William G. McKinney*, Deacon, by the Bishop of North Carolina. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

CANDIDATE FOR ORDERS DISMISSED.

September 12, 1887.—*Oscar R. Ebel*, for causes affecting moral character, by the Bishop of Long Island.

RESTORATION TO THE HOLY MINISTRY.

Received notice that "on February 28, 1888, the Bishop of Connecticut remitted and terminated the sentence of Deposition pronounced by him on May 5, 1887, on *Rev. Samuel Reed Bailey*, the same being for 'causes not affecting his moral character,' and restored him to his office and functions as a Presbyter of the Church, in accordance with all the conditions of Title II, Canon 2, Sect. 2.

Received notice that "on October 10, 1887, the Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas" formally remitted the sentence of deposition passed by him upon *Christopher J. Demoché*. This remission was granted upon satisfactory evidence of repentance and reformation, and upon the promise in writing of the Bishop of Texas to find ministerial employment for Mr. Demoché, the unanimous consent of the Standing Committee and of the five neighboring Bishops being given, as the Canon requires."

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 28, 1887.—Attended the Meeting of the Trustees at Nashotah House.

July 28, 1887.—Solemnized Holy Matrimony at Chicago, Ill.

July 30, 1887.—Delivered an address before the Ministerial Assembly at Bay View, Mich.

October 19, 20.—Attended the annual meeting of the American Humane Society at Rochester, N. Y., representing the Grand Rapids Branch Society.

October 25, 26.—Attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, and a meeting of the House of Bishops in Philadelphia, Penn.

October 30.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, preached twice in the Church of the Transfiguration, Philadelphia.

January 24, 1888.—Preached the Missionary Sermon at the opening of the Semi-Annual Missionary meeting at Ann Arbor, Mich.

February 1.—Baptized an infant at the Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

February 15.—Ash Wednesday, made an address in Christ Church, Adrian, Mich.

SUMMARY.

Baptized (infants 10, adults 1).....	11
Married.....	2
Buried.....	1
Preached.....	118
Addresses delivered, not including Confirmation.....	29
Children's services and Addresses.....	34
Celebrated the Holy Communion.....	44
Confirmed in 21 Parishes, 14 Missions and two other places.....	270
Meetings and Conferences.....	31
Organized Parishes, visited 26; Missions, 14; other places, 5; of these, without regular services, 12; visited twice, 30; three times, 6; four times, 2;	
Total number of visitations.....	78
Clergymen received.....	9
Clergymen transferred.....	7
Clergymen in the Diocese changing Parishes and resigning Parishes.....	2
Services participated in.....	171
Visits to Schools and Colleges.....	10
To State Institutions at home and abroad.....	17
To Jails 23, and Poor Houses 13.....	36

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

APPENDIX "B."

PASTORAL ON PERSONAL RELIGION.

THE AIM, PRINCIPLES AND MEANS OF PERSONAL RELIGION.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light."—(Colossians, 1:12.)

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

I.

Here is expressed *the aim of personal religion*—meetness for eternal being in holiness.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."—(v. 13, 14). "Jesus having overcome the sharpness of death has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers"—it is the voice of humanity, "God the Son hath redeemed me, and all mankind."—(Catechism.)

Yet "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews, XII., 14.) The law of all our happiness is, that we be in sympathy with scenes and employments into which we are introduced. So Heaven has no promise of satisfaction for us, save as all within us is in harmony with what is the life in the future abodes. "Heaven is a place of character; the full development of those principles and dispositions which are received and cherished upon earth, by the knowledge of Jesus and the teaching of His Spirit."—(Salter.) We must indeed expect that in the change of worlds there shall be a refining that will cleanse away all remaining impurity, and put upon the sinner the saint—"when I awake up in thy likeness I shall be satisfied with it"—(Psalm 17:15); but *here* the holy process must commence and be carried on to the point of baptismal obligation and grace—"continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living"—(Baptismal office.)

II.

What are the principles of this personal religion?

All practice is founded on principle. In the State we have the Constitution, the declaration of rights, the charter, the inflexible usages, the platform. In the Church, the Creed, the Sacraments, the ordinances, the rule of thought and action. We serve God according to His will, and that will is expressed in what we are to believe, how we are to feel, and what we are to do. A religion of our own suggestions, of a heart and life as we think they should be, is more than useless. It is an open insult to the Majesty of Heaven. If our whole life comes not under the law, "thus saith

the Lord," we can only tremble that we are "hasting unto the coming of the day of God."—(II. Peter, 3:12.)

1. All godliness, whether of feeling or act, is the outcome of some cherished article of faith.

"The faith once delivered to the Saints," as it was taught you in the Catechism, as you acknowledge yourself bound to believe in Confirmation, as you are constantly repeating it in the Creeds, marks out your life in Christ, and gives you hope of being "accepted in the Beloved."—(Ephesians, I., 6.)

Hence the necessity to be "nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine"—(I. Timothy, 4:6)—the importance of an acquaintance with Christian doctrine in its verity and its spirituality.

Because in so many individual cases the faith has never been truly received, there is so much personal religion that gives no blessed assurances within and has no positive influence without.

I beseech you, therefore, dear brethren, "to come to the knowledge of the truth"—(I. Timothy, 2:4)—to be in the best sense intelligent Christians, that you may be sincere Christians.

2. Another principle of our Holy religion is, that duty must ever take the place of worldly interests and gratifications. We are enlisted under a Master who accepts his followers on the terms, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."—(S. Luke, 9:23.) Self-sacrifice is no less the law to-day than it was when the roll of "the noble army of martyrs" was daily lengthening. The disciples of a Master whose whole life below was one great act of sacrifice, we have no part with him, no favour from him, save as we uniformly put self in the background. And yet, my people, do not some of you hold your service of your GOD and Saviour at the mercy of any difficulties, the attractions of time and scene, and please GOD only as you may not have to displease yourselves? It is marvellous and painful how little the ordinary Communicant recognizes the duty of self-sacrifice.

3. Again, a principle of Christian service is, that it must be allowed a share of our time proportioned to its importance. Whatever in our life is earnest has our thoughts and our exertions, what then must be the demands of "pure and undefiled religion"—the rendering due homage to our Maker, the transformation of our characters?

And yet, disciples of the Lord, is not personal religion driven into the corner of brief private prayer, hasty Bible reading, occasional thought, and irregular Church attendance? Even amusements vie successfully with the work of our salvation, and the business of this fleeting world is scarcely molested by what an eternal life demands.

4. It is a principle of personal religion, that it waxes stronger against temptation, more steadfast in faith, more inwardly satisfactory, and more outwardly impressive as years roll on. The Christian life is a reality, as it is "coming unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."—(Ephesians, 4:13.) "Living in the Spirit," we must "walk in the Spirit."

Beloved, with falls not few, nor far between, the Saintship that mortal man may reach, far, far beyond us, even in the advanced years of our Christian profession; yet if there is not perceptible to us the "going from strength to strength," alas, ours is only "a life of spiritual routine, in a mechanical performance of duties, however important, or a mechanical attendance on ordinances, however sacred."—(Goulburn.)

5. Another principle of true discipleship is, living unto God in His Holy Church. The Church is no mere appendage of the Gospel. It is in holiest, closest union with our service, and God's favour and rewards. The Church is our teacher and guide, but beyond this, in and through the Church are dispensed the gifts of Christ received for men. An attempted service of the Almighty that has little or no regard to the Church's Sacraments, her ordinances, her discipline, her culture, and that undervalues the grace in all these; has in it a self-will that must render it worse than "a vain oblation."

If we consult the New Testament, we shall find everywhere the closest union of Christ Jesus with his Church, and the member of Christ is always intimately associated with the holy fellowship. To every one baptized into Christ speaks the Word as it points to the Church, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

And this is no Church invisible save to "Him who seeth in secret." It is the Church of the Creed—Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. A Church like Him whose body it is, (Ephesians, 1:23), which may be "seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled."—(1. John, 1:1.)

Members of Christ, let us never fail to associate all our "working out our own salvation," and our "hope of glory," with the Church "Christ hath purchased with his own blood."—(Acts, 20:28.)

6. Our statement of the leading principles of personal religion would be sadly incomplete without positive mention, that all that we may think or do is to be in simple dependence on the Holy Ghost, and as a loving tribute in return for what the Lord has done for us. It must be a very limited Christian experience that can not realize the feebleness of promise and performance; and only a very inadequate sense of what it is to be "called to glory and virtue," can feel the "sufficiency" in ourselves.

And so it is of the first and feeblest feeling after God, to be constrained to own how utterly void of merit we are, and to crave as our only peace and hope "Christ and Him crucified."

Such are some of the principles of holy living. They are all implied in the Confirmation vow, and solemnly repeated often as we approach the Holy Communion.

III.

What are the Means of Personal Religion?

All service of God is described as "growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."—(II. Peter, 3:18.) The divinely sanctioned "working out" is familiarly known as the use of public and private means of grace.

1. PUBLIC MEANS.

A. Public worship and the Holy Communion.

The devout soul must ever have "a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord." The neglected Church is the sad evidence of "the form of godliness without its power." No professing Christian is sound in mind and heart who can be content with a single presence in the Church on the Lord's Day, and occasional presence, as in Lent, or on a week day. A healthy soul needs more spiritual food than this. You do not know what the Church is to you when you can neglect it. "He that made the great supper in the Gospel called in new guests; but he sent out no meat to them who had been invited, and might have come, and came not."—(Donne, 1573-1631.)

Let me add in behalf of services on other than the Lord's Day,

that they are as necessary that "the soul may prosper" as that the Parish may be healthful. The scene of the temporal must be broken in upon by "the power of the world to come," in solemn approach to our Maker in His Sanctuary. We are too feeble spiritually to go from one Lord's Day to another without "the assembling of ourselves together."—(Hebrews, 10:25.)

The Holy Days of the Church have in them even the blessing of the Church's long observance; while setting forth evidently before us the persons of the followers, they give us in them His most holy life in those who were "men of like passions with us."

The Holy Communion is the very fountain of God's grace. We were all catechized into this feeling. When there is a neglectful communicant "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint."—(Isaiah, 1:5.) The discipline of the Church may not reach him, but God has set against his name, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."—(Hebrews, 10:38.) I say not that in these days of multiplied Communion, the obligation reaches to presence on every occasion, but to every confirmed man or woman I say, "in the name of God," that if anything but most decided providential necessity keeps you constantly from the Lord's Table, great is your ingratitude to God, and sore punishment hangeth over your head for the same."—(The second Exhortation to the Holy Communion.)

2. PRIVATE MEANS.

A. Family and private Prayer.

Next to the congregation of "all sorts and conditions of men," is the little Sanctuary in the home. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," is the call and the promise to a household group to daily meet around a family altar. How strangely neglected this blessed meet to every member of the family, so neglected that even the Clergyman, "the stranger in the gates," is not asked to offer a prayer. And in this neglect we find the explanation of the wayward youth, the marriage tie so hastily formed, so rudely broken; yes, my dear brethren, for the wretched apology of many lives among us, for "studying to serve God in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life" (the Holy Communion office).

It is unnecessary to urge Christian people to private prayer, but not unnecessary to say and to urge, that the closet with its shut door should be oftener entered, longer occupied, and that it should witness more of the "lifting up of the soul unto the Lord," the "pouring out the heart before God"; while there should be "in everything and anywhere," the "by prayer and supplication letting our requests be made known" to the divine source of all help and comfort.

Ah, my fellow seekers of the things above, how little we realize what untold grace we have in "the prayer of faith," what wonderful help from God awaits us at the mercy seat. Probably there is nothing in the life of the average Christian that needs more adjusting to the divine standard than private prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray."

B. Searching the Scriptures.

Speaking to God and listening to God naturally go together. The Bible in our hands affords the latter. The old title "Appointed to be read in Churches" has an unhappy significance in our day. How the spiritual mind would come to the Church and to the individual believer, from the daily "hiding the Word in the heart" (Psalm CXIX., 11).

Dear! beloved, what does it say to your own consciences, how

does it appear to GOD, when every printed line has more attraction than the lines, "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost;" and there are hours for the newspaper and the novel, and not even minutes for the Book of GOD.

C. Meditation and self-examination are the outcome of faithfulness in prayer and in Holy Scripture. They lead us to what, mechanically attempted, is only irksome and disheartening. They are glorious signs that "the old things" of our fleshly life are passing away, and "all things are becoming new," in the clearer perception and deeper love of God and His kingdom.

D. Religious reading is a necessity of Christian intelligence and a means of edifying and quickening the soul. How strange the ignorance in which most Christians are content to live of the testimony of that truth which they profess to love, and of the progress of the cause to which above all others they should be devoted. Where in our homes are the shelves of sacred literature? How many Communicants make it a rule to have constantly in hand some book in the wide range of theological fact and thought.

E. Personal beneficence and pecuniary bestowment. These might have been placed among the principles of personal religion, so essential are they to the actual being of the follower of the Lamb.

We name them, however, as means of grace. Holy Scripture places side by side alms and prayers—"Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before GOD" (Acts, 10: 4). "Alms are the correlative of prayers. The two exercises are branches from a common stem that binds them together—the moral law of GOD." "Our goods are nothing unto Him," "whose are the silver and the gold," but it is something for us to give them away from ourselves, and GOD, who "giveth to all men liberally," draws closer to himself the "cheerful giver." The liberality of the purse, whatever its capacity, is one of those opportunities of growing in grace of which selfishness has deprived us. Yet the blessed reward has never been taken away, and a disciple's money is in his hands like all other service, his hope of eternal life through Christ. And if this may be said of earthly substance, how much more of the services in which we are associated with Him who would "draw all men unto Him," and "who went about doing good." Our modern devices of Church work that send our people out to buy and sell and get gain—and more ignoble than these—to supply the Lord's Treasury are crowding out the higher, holier ministries of the heart. Go forth, dear brethren, on the ministries of peace and comfort to the needy ones who line our path, on the ministry of recovering the lost soul to a sense of its need of a Saviour's love, its hope in a Saviour's blood. Then shall your own souls be refreshed, and you shall enter into the feeling of our Master when he said at the well of Sychar: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (St. John, 4: 32).

I believe, Brethren, that in our day personal religion is suffering from neglect of private means of grace. The Church cannot do all, and under the most favorable circumstances many will be often detained from the Sanctuary. More religion, in such holy exercises as have been referred to, brought into the daily life; the strange inconsistencies of Communicants would disappear, and Christ would be "admired in them that believe."

Dearly beloved in the Lord, these are plain thoughts and suggestions. I bring them together as placing before you in this Advent tide the worthy Communicant.

How much there is to stir us up to "lay hold on eternal life" (I.

Timothy, 6: 12)—life is fleeting with many, uncertain to all; responsibility of the holiest cast belongs to every age and position; the Church is so dishonored by lives, careless and defective even to immorality. And then the awful warnings—"Many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke, 13: 24). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (St. Matthew, 7: 21). "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (II. Peter, 3: 11).

"Wherefore, according to mine office, I bid you in the name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you, as ye love your own salvation," not merely "that ye will be partakers of this Holy Communion"—that may be the mere act of the body; but that ye will rise to the inward devotion, the outward conversation, the simple faith in Christ and subjection to his will in all things—that constitute "the worthy partaker of that holy table."

A LENTEN PASTORAL FOR THE YOUNG.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Lent is at hand. Lent has its duties and its blessings for all the members of the Church, and you are her members—all of you by Holy Baptism, and some of you have made your membership more real and active by coming to Confirmation and to the Holy Communion.

I trust that you do not unwillingly hear of the Lenten Fast. When the Church gives us Christmas and Easter for our joy, we should willingly hear her call to the sobriety and solemnity of Lent.

How shall you keep this Holy Season? In what I now suggest to you, I am mindful that generally you are school boys and girls.

1. Attend some of the week-day services. A little management of your time will enable you to do this. And when you come, make your worship real, and carry away with you some good thoughts and intentions.

2. Use some private means to make you conscientious, and draw you nearer to your God and Saviour. Read through very carefully one of the Gospels, or the Acts of the blessed Apostles, committing to memory the most striking texts. Make your daily prayers more full and earnest, realizing that you are speaking to God who tells us, "In everything by prayer and supplication to let our requests be made known unto God."

Have some questions to put to yourself every day as to your religious duties, how they are performed; your temptations, how they are avoided; your sins, how you struggle against them, and are sorry for them.

3. No doubt every one of you is aware of having some marked fault. You have fallen into some evil habit—it may be, you are careless, idle, jealous, envious, quick-tempered, sullen, trifling. Now, whether your besetting sin be one of these, or something else, in this Lent of 1888, try to overcome it. Ask God to help you. What a blessing to you this Lent will be, should you get the better of your fault. How gladly your friends will see this change in you.

4. Our Board of Missions in New York are pressing on the Bishops, to urge that the contributions of the children in the six

Sundays of Lent shall be given to our Domestic and Foreign Missions. Good Bishop Morris has a letter in the January number of the Spirit of Missions, that I wish you might all read or hear. I hope that every one of you will make a weekly offering to go to the Treasury of our General Board of Missions. There are many more Sundays for offerings for Sunday School and Parish purposes. This is to be a grand children's effort, and you must not be left out. I want Western Michigan to show well.

Try, my dear young friends, to have this Lent do you good. Surely, God will bless you.

Your Friend and Bishop,

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

Quinquagesima Sunday, 1888.

A PASTORAL LETTER ON LAY ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION.

To the Parishes and Missions.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Our Convention will meet in St. John's Church, Grand Haven, on Tuesday evening, June 5th, 1888. I am very desirous that every Parish and Mission should be fully represented for these reasons :

1. The few Lay Delegates—this has been the weakness of our Conventions.

2. An unusual amount of important business will be before the Convention.

3. This Convention must determine the matter which the gift of Mr. Akeley brings before us—no question of equal importance has been presented since the Diocese was organized.

4. We may look for a large attendance of citizens of the place, and it will be humiliating to make an exhibition of our weakness.

In view of these and other considerations, I beg the Rectors, Vestries, and officers to spare no effort to secure delegates. Where the expense is a consideration, it will be very proper for the Parish or Mission to pay.

I suggest also, that those who come should remain through the session; often the most important action is taken when a number of the Lay Deputies have withdrawn. The business can scarcely be finished before Thursday afternoon.

I learn that the Parish tenders hospitality to the Clergy and Laity.

Let us gather as those who are interested in the Diocese, and love the Church.

May God direct us in all our doings.

Your Friend and Bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Tuesday in Whitsun-week.

APPENDIX "C."

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS, TITLE I, CANON XVII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALBION, CALHOUN COUNTY, (1840).

H. D. Thomason, Lay Reader.

C. H. Daskam, C. C. Lane, Wardens.

H. D. Thomason, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 6; total 7. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 79; confirmed during the year, 1. Communicants—Last reported, 78; admitted, 2; total added, 2; died, 1; total lost, 1; present number male, 7; present number female, 75; total, 82. Marriages, 2; burials, 6. Public services—Sundays, 104; Holy Days, 6; week days, 58; total, 168. Holy Communion—public, 40. Catechising—Number of times, 52. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 3; total, 5. Pupils, male, 5; female, 35; total, 40. Average attendance, 30. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Name of Parochial Society—St. Elizabeth's Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$104.22; subscriptions, \$476.66; Women's Associations, \$260.00; total, \$830.88.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$420 00
For other salaries,	-	-	-	-	52 00
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	8 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance—					
Fuel and Lights,	-	-	-	-	68 41
Music,	-	-	-	-	18 00
Other expenses,	-	-	-	-	258 60
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 820 51
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	10 37
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	10 37
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$830 88

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; other property (organ), \$500; total, \$3,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, pages 96-96.

GOOD SHEPHERD, ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, (1858).

The Rev. WOODFORD P. LAW, Rector, (1887).

Wm. B. Williams, Lay Reader.

Wm. B. Williams, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens.

Phil Padgam, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 100; confirmed during the year, 4; communed during the year, 80. Communicants—Last reported, 93; admitted, 5; received, 2; total added, 7; died, 1; removed, 6; total lost 7; present number male, 26; present number female, 67; total, 93. Marriages, 2; burials, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 73; Holy Days, 11; week days, 40; total, 124. Holy Communion—Public, 19. Congregation—Families, 57; adults, 100; children, 100; total, 200; of these, baptized persons, 156. Catechising, number of times, 9. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female 7; total, 11; pupils, male, 34; female, 56; total, 90; average attendance, 68. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 26; S. S. Library, 200. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 16. Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Auxiliary, Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's Guild. Have held Missionary services in Holland four times.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$104.55; the Envelope System, \$735.72; Subscriptions, \$169.95; Women's Associations, \$214.70; Sunday School, \$69.94; other sources, \$58.10; total, \$1,872.96.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$ 23 87
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to April 1, 1888,)	-	800 08
For other Salaries and Parish expenses,	-	66 19
For Insurance,	-	35 00
For Repairs on the Rectory and Church,	-	143 90
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, (interest,)	-	45 00
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$800.00)	-	50 00
By the Sunday School, for expenses,	-	29 00
Balance in hand,	-	22 04
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	\$1,198 64
Assessment of the Convention, Arrears, (\$13)	-	44 95
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	-	13 00
Services for Deaf Mutes,	-	8 00
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese,	-	14 50
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	20 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	100 54
Domestic Missions,	-	2 89
Foreign Missions,	-	8 10
Missions for Colored People and Indian Missions,	-	3 85
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	2 26
Societies for the Conversion of Jews,	-	3 00
Woman's Auxiliary Aid, Missions to Colored People,	-	20 20
By Sunday School for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship,	-	5 00
" " " " Box to Indian Missions,	-	7 12
" " " " Seaman's Friend Society,	-	4 41
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	56 74
Total of Offerings,	-	\$1,350 92
Value of Church Property—The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; Organ,		

\$1,325; total, \$3,825. Indebtedness—Floating, \$100; Secured, \$750. Salary of the Rector, \$900 and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,000; other Property (Organ), \$1,000; total, \$5,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of Sittings, 250; of these, free, 250. A portion of the year (from July 1st to November 1st,) the Parish was without a Rector, and services were conducted by the Lay Reader.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-97.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATTLE CREEK, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1842.)

The REV. ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Rector, (1887.)

Clement C. Wakolee, Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 1; total, 11. Confirmed during the year, 8. Communicants—Last reported, 164; admitted, 8; received, 6; total added, 14; died, 5; removed, 14; dropped, 4; total lost, 23; present number, male, 28; present number, female, 127; total, 155; marriages, 17; burials, 14. Public Services—Sunday, 126; Holy days, 19; week days, 48; total, 192. Holy Communion—Public, 60; private, 14. Congregation—Families, 81; adults, 216; children, 140; total, 356. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 7; total, 9; pupils, male, 26; female, 49; total, 75. Average attendance, 49. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 23. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid, Woman's Auxiliary, Building Society, St. Mary's Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$526.63; pew rents, \$1,089.47; subscriptions, \$102; women's associations, \$162.82; income from investments, \$185; the Sunday School, \$30.90; other sources, \$37.65; total, \$2,184.17.

Disbursements:—

Aims at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)	-	\$ 5 00	
For the Rector's Salary (paid to April 1st, '88)	-	616 66	
For other Salaries,	-	415 60	
For repairs on the Rectory	-	23 50	
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-	430 02	
Sundry expenses paid by Ladies' Aid	-	86 52	
Balance in hand	-	8 40	
Total for Parochial Objects	-		\$1,896 30
Diocesan Missions	-	100 00	
Assessment of the Convention	-	59 24	
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen	-	18 88	
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese	-	22 77	
Total for Diocesan Objects	-		195 34
Missions for Colored People	-	17 00	
Woman's Auxiliary Aid	-	17 28	
By the Sunday School, for General Missions	-	10 00	
By the Sewing School for General Missions	-	3 00	
Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	-	5 25	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-		52 53
Total of Offerings	-		\$2,184 17

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, \$24,000; Rectory, \$1,800; total, \$25,800. Salary of Rector, \$1,000 and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church \$7,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 500.

Bishop's Address, pages 96-97.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY. (1871.)

The REV. MONTGOMERY S. WOODRUFF, Rector. (1885.)

Calvin W. Nottingham, William D. Smith, Wardens.

Calvin W. Nottingham, Superintendent Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 12; adults, 3; total, 15. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 104; confirmed during the year, 6. Communed during the year, 94. Communicants—Last reported, 87; admitted, 9; received, 12; total added, 21; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number male, 20; present number female, 85; total, 105. Marriages, 12; burials, 8. Public Services, 122; Sundays, 104; Holy Days, 2; week days, 16; total, 122. Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 53; adults, 127; children, 44; total, 171. Of these, baptized persons, 158. Catechising—Number of times, 2. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 13; total, 15; pupils, male, 32; female, 56; total, 88; average attendance, 54. Number of Volumes—S. S. Library, 175. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 17. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's Church Guild. Have held Missionary services in Morley, Mich. One Sunday service and four week-day services.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$343.59; The Envelope System, \$414.43; Subscriptions, \$90.25; Women's Associations, \$647.24; Sunday School, \$29.41; other sources, \$123.29; total, \$1,648.21.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$ 1 75
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to May 1, 1888,) -	-	633 27
For other Salaries, -	-	170 75
For Insurance, -	-	45 00
For Repairs on the Rectory, -	-	34 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	-	52 84
Grading Tax, Locust Street, -	-	39 82
The increase and improvement of Church property, -	-	152 98
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$659),	-	356 15
By the Sunday School, for the Rectory Debt, -	-	24 42
Balance in hand, -	-	76 35
Total for Parochial Objects, -	-	\$1,540 98
Diocesan Missions, -	-	45 00
Assessment of the Convention, -	-	33 82
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, -	-	5 10
Services for Deaf Mutes, -	-	1 65
By the Sunday School, for lot for missions, -	-	5 41
Total for Diocesan Objects, -	-	90 48
Domestic Missions, -	-	5 20
Foreign Missions, -	-	4 70
Societies for the conversion of Jews, -	-	1 15
American Church Building Fund Commission, -	-	4 25
By the Sunday School, for General Missions, -	-	1 45
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -	-	16 75
Total of Offerings, -	-	\$1,648 21

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,800; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$5,300. Indebtedness—Floating, \$82.12; secured, \$325. Salary of the Rector,* \$800. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,800; Rectory, \$600; other property, \$650; total, \$3,050. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all; rented, none.

Bishop's Address, pages 91-95.

*The Rector pays \$100 Rent for Rectory.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, COLDWATER, BRANCH COUNTY, (1848.)

The Rev. HENRY HUGHES, Rector. (1886.)

Noah P. Loveridge, Moses Smith, Wardens.

Henry P. Woodward, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 8; total, 21; Communicants—Last reported, 156; admitted, 15; received, 2; total added, 17; died, 1, removed, 7; total lost, 8; present number, male, 40; present number, female, 125; total, 165. Marriages, 6. Burials, 12. Public Services—Sundays, 93; Holy Days, 6; week days, 42; total, 141. Holy Communion—Public, 22; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 86; adults, 230; children, 122; total, 342. Of these, baptized persons, 290. Catechising—Number of times, monthly. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; pupils, male, 43; female, 70; total, 113. Average attendance, 80. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 276. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 29. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary. Have held missionary services in St. John's Church, Quincy, twice a month on Sunday and during Lent once a week besides.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$305.18; pew rents, \$578.25; the Envelope system, \$879.59; Women's associations, \$209.17; the Sunday School, \$122.58; other sources, \$191.14; total, \$1,785.91.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)	-	\$	47	16
For the Rector's Salary (paid to June 1st)	-		1,060	00
For other Salaries	-		125	00
For Insurance	-		63	00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-		187	42
By the Sunday School, for expense of maintaining	-		85	38
Total for Parochial Objects	-			\$1,508 16
Diocesan Missions	-		60	00
Assessment of the Convention	-		68	28
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen	-		14	00
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese to Missionary	-		29	30
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions	-		20	00
By the Sunday School for purchase of Church lot	-		7	06
Total for Diocesan Objects	-			198 58
Domestic Missions	-	(Board of Missions)	13	00
Foreign Missions	-	" "	13	00
Missions for Colored People	-	" "	7	00
Indian Missions	-	" "	7	00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies	-		3	58
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews	-		5	50
American Church Building Fund Commission	-		4	00
Woman's Auxiliary Aid, to Miss Miles and box of clothing	-		11	00
By the Sunday School for Domestic and Foreign Missions	-		10	00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-			79 17
Total of Offerings	-			\$1,785 91

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$14,000; Chapel, \$2,500. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000 and house. Insurance—On the Church, \$7,500; total, \$7,500. Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 400; Free, 125; rented, 275.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ELK RAPIDS, ANTRIM COUNTY. (1870.)

James Ellis, H. B. Lewis, Wardens.

Vacant since April 1st.

H. B. Lewis, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 53. Communed during the year, 45. Communicants—Last reported, 53; admitted, 1; total added, 1; removed, 4; total lost, 4. Present number, male, 10; present number, female, 39; total, 49. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 72; week days, 98; total, 170. Holy Communion—Public, 19. Congregation—Families, 37; adults, 64; children, 60; total, 124. Of these, baptized persons, 98. Catechising—Number of times, 22. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 7; total, 9; pupils, male, 50; pupils, female, 26; total, 76. Average attendance, 60. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 74. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 9. Names of Parochial Societies—St. Agnes' Guild, Young People's Guild. Have held missionary services in Traverse City.

FINANCIAL REPORT.**Receipts:—**

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$573.01; the Envelope system, \$849; Women associations, \$115.21; the Sunday School, \$45.21; total, \$1,582.43.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary (paid to April 1st)	-	-	\$449 10
For other Salaries	-	-	21 10
For Insurance	-	-	35 00
For Repairs on the Church	-	-	8 30
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-	-	25 00
The increase and improvement of Church property	-	-	11 00
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention \$739.41)	-	-	430 41
By the Sunday School for general expenses	-	-	40 21
Balance in hand	-	-	44 42
Total for Parochial Objects	-	-	\$1,473 43
Diocesan Missions	-	-	30 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	44 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen	-	-	9 30
Total for Diocesan Objects	-	-	83 30
Societies for the Conversion of Jews	-	-	4 00
American Church Building Fund Commission	-	-	16 61
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions	-	-	5 60
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-	-	25 61
Total of Offerings	-	-	\$1,582 43

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,381.77. Indebtedness—Floating, \$300; Salary of Rector, \$1,000. Insurance—On Church, \$3,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all; rented, none.

Bishop's Address, page 92.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1876.)

The Rev. James Edward Wilkinson, Rector. (1888.)

John Macfie, Thomas A. Parish, Wardens.

John Macfie, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 8; total, 8. Confirmed during the year, 3. Communicants—Last reported, 101; received, 2; total added, 2; total, 103. Marriages, 2. Public

Services—Sundays, 20; Holy Days, 19; week days, 5; total, 44. Holy Communion—Public, 8. Congregation—Families, 60; adults, 101; children, 90; total 191. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 9; total, 12. Average attendance, 60. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 171. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 5. Names of Parochial Societies—Women's Guild, Young Ladies' Altar Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$174.51; pew rents \$670.42; Women's associations, \$211.97; the Sunday School, \$100.98; other sources, \$94.18; total, \$1,275.90.

Disbursements:—

For Rector's Salary	-	-	-	-	-	\$742 13
For other Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	80 12
For Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	23 75
For Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	35 25
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	9 75
Paid on indebtedness	-	-	-	-	-	106 06
For the Sunday School	-	-	-	-	-	38 33
By the Sunday School for its maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	62 66
Total for Parochial Objects	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,160 04
Diocesan Missions	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Assessment of the Convention	-	-	-	-	-	83 71
Total for Diocesan Objects	-	-	-	-	-	89 40
Domestic Missions (Board of Missions)	-	-	-	-	-	2 63
Woman's Auxiliary Aid (Box, \$10)	-	-	-	-	-	23 83
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-	-	-	-	-	26 46
Total of Offerings	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,275 90

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$7,500. Indebtedness—Floating, \$278.18; secured, \$750; Salary of Rector, \$400 and Rectory; total, \$3,700. The present Rector has been in charge only six weeks, and has not been able to find a record of services, etc. The number of Communicants is that last reported. The services reported are those held since April 14, 1888.

Bishop's Address, pages 94-96-98.

ST. MARK'S, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1886.)

The REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., Rector. (1886.)

William R. Shelby, Edwin F. Uhl, Wardens.

W. J. Stuart, A. C. Torrey, J. H. Russell, Superintendents of Sunday Schools.

Baptized—Infants, 37; adults, 17; total, 54. Confirmed during the year, 29. Communicants—Last reported, 548; admitted, 27; received, 40; total added, 67; died, 10; removed, 17; total lost, 27; present number male, about 220; present number female, about 378; total, 598. Marriages, 24; Burials, 35. Public Services—Sundays, 202; Holy Days, 197; Week Days, 541; total, 940. Holy Communion—Public, 162; private, 17. Congregation—Families, 340; adults, 1,379; children, 560; total, 1,939; of these, baptized persons, 1,811. Catechising—Number of times, twice every Sunday and on Fridays. Three Sunday Schools—Teachers and Officers, male, 14; female, 30; total, 44; pupils, male, 122; female,

278; total, 465; average attendance for the three Sunday Schools, 317. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 50; S. S. Library, 250. Names of Parochial Societies—Choir, Home and Hospital, three Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Missions, Industrial Band, Helping Hand, Sewing School, Girls Friendly, Ministering League, Deaf-Mute Service, Men's Missionary, Woman's Missionary, Children's Missionary, Temperance Society, Band of Hope, Young Women's Society, 20 Minute Society, Maternity, St. Mark's Academy, Men's Society, etc. Have held Missionary Services in Newaygo, Sparta, Cedar Springs, Paris Township, North Grand Rapids, South Grand Rapids.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$7,305.96; Pew Rents, \$6,422.25; Subscriptions, \$506.47; Parochial Associations, \$5,647.89; The Sunday School, \$500; other sources, \$638.14; total, \$21,009.71.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	\$ 642 47
For the Rector's Salary (paid to date),	3,525 00
For other Salaries,	1,688 00
For Insurance,	62 50
For Repairs on the Rectory,	247 75
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,052 78
For Home and Hospital,	2,875 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	303 25
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$7,850.)	4,850 00
Balance in hand,	\$901 08
Total for Parochial Objects,	15,346 15
Diocesan Missions,	700 00
Assessment of the Convention,	331 42
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	100 00
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders,	150 00
Services for Deaf Mutes,	35 58
By the Sunday School, for objects not otherwise specified,	2,062 80
Total for Diocesan Objects,	3,379 89
Domestic Missions,	150 00
Foreign Missions,	67 17
Missions for Colored People,	50 00
Societies for the conversion of Jews,	25 16
American Church Building Fund Commission,	50 00
Woman's Auxiliary Aid,	310 00
Parochial Mission Society,	220 75
City and other Missions,	239 91
Sundry objects not otherwise specified,	250 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	1,371 99
Total of Offerings,	\$20,108 63

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, \$65,000; Rectory, \$12,000; Church Home and Hospital, \$50,000; total, \$127,000. Indebtedness, secured, \$3,000. Salary of the Rector, \$3,600, and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, \$20,000; Rectory, \$5,000; other property, \$11,500; total, \$36,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of Sittings, 1,300; of these, free, 500; rented, 800.

Bishop's Address, pages 91, 94-95, 97-98.

ST. PAUL'S, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1871.)

The REV. J. RICE TAYLOR, Rector. (1885.)

Ebenezer Anderson and William F. Walker, Wardens.

The Rector, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 2. Communed during the year, 50. Communicants—Last reported, 88; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; died, 1; removed, 4; dropped, 1; total lost, 6; present number male, 14; female, 65; total 79. Marriages, 4; burials, 4. Public Services—Sundays, 92; Holy Days, 3; week days, 10; total, 105. Holy Communion—Public, 10. Congregation—Families, 52; Adults, 75; children, 90; total, 165; of these, baptized persons, 140. Catechising—Number of times, 10. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total, 12. Pupils, male, 30; female, 40; total, 70. Average attendance, 40. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 16; S. S. Library, 200. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid, Willing Workers.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$67.82; the Envelope System, \$191.09; Women's Associations, \$34.47; the Sunday School, \$65.70; total, \$419.08.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$258 91
For other salaries, Sexton,	-	-	-	-	52 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	42 47
By the Sunday School, for S. S. Books, etc.,	-	-	-	-	65 30
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	40c
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 419 08
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	15 00
General Missions,	-	-	-	-	3 70
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	1 40
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	3 15
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	8 25
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$442 58

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

My actual services as Rector of St. Paul's,—for want of proper support, which has been inadequate during the more than three years of my pastorate, in which I have endeavored faithfully to serve the people,—terminated actually on the first Sunday in May. My resignation takes effect on the eleventh of June.

Bishop's Address, pages 95-97.

GRACE CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1875.)

The REV. THEODORE J. KNAPP, D. D., Rector. (1888.)

Jacob Kleinbans, Wm. Ragnel, Wardens.

Dr. H. C. Johnson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Since January 1, 1888, infants, 1; total, 1. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 210. Confirmed during the year, 10. Communed during the year, 205. Communicants—Last reported, 184; admitted, 10; received, 18; total added, 28; died, 2; total lost, 2. Present number, male, 49; female, 161; total, 210. Marriages, 5; burials, 2. Public Services—Sundays, 26; Holy Days, 5; week days,

44; total, 75. Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 3. Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 260; children, 103; total, 423. Of these, baptized persons, 407. Catechising—Number of times, 15. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 13; total, 19; pupils, male, 51; female, 70; total, 121. Average attendance, 90. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 125. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Sewing Society, Young People's Guild, The Pansy Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$549.87; the Envelope System, \$137.54; Subscriptions, \$76; Women's Associations, \$35; other sources, \$140; total, \$1,538.41.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to June 1, 1888,) - - -	\$951 13
For other Salaries - - - - -	231 00
For Insurance, for three years, - - - - -	47 25
For Repairs on the Rectory - - - - -	19 24
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance - - -	136 25
The increase and improvment of Church property - -	95 00
By the Sunday School, for library and services books -	55 00
Balance in hand, - - - - -	103 03
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	\$1,313 87
Diocesan Missions - - - - -	50 00
Assessment of the Convention - - - - -	71 51
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	121 51
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$1,538 41

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$10,000; Rectory, \$2,260; total, \$12,260. Indebtedness—Floating, \$150; Secured, \$1,080 on Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$4,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of Sittings, 340; of these, free, all. The Parish was vacant four months. The present Rector commenced his labors on January the 1st, consequently a meager report.

Bishop's Address, pages 94-96-97.

TRINITY CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1886.)

The Rev. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, B. D., Rector. (1886.)

Andrew Johnston, Remy Jareo, Wardens.

Andrew Johnston, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; total, 5. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 60. Confirmed during the year, 3. Communicants—Last reported, 61; admitted, 3; received, 4; total added, 7; removed, 6; dropped, 10; total lost, 16; present number, male, 12; female, 40; total, 52. Marriages, 4; burials, 5. Public Services—Sundays, 100; Holy Days, 80; total, 180. Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 49; adults, ...; children, ...; total, 250. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total, 12; pupils, male, 32; female, 59; total, 91. Average attendance, 48. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 3. Name of Parochial Society—Parish Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$146.91; the Envelope System, \$187.59; subscriptions, \$1,009.83; Women's Associations, \$82.28; the Sunday School, \$21.74; other sources, \$7.12; total, \$1,455.47.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)	-	\$	33	24
For the Rector's Salary (paid to June 1st, 1888.)	-		1,000	00
For other Salaries,	-		72	00
For Insurance,	-		30	00
For repairs on the Church,	-		72	77
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-		51	15
Street Grading Tax,	-		109	24
By the Sunday School, for itself,	-		21	74
Total for Parochial Objects	-			\$1,300 14
Diocesan Missions,	-		10	00
Assessment of the Convention, arrears, (12.85)	-		12	85
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	-		6	77
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-			39 63
Missions for Colored People,	-		5	12
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-			5 12
Total of Offerings,	-			\$1,484 88

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,000. Salary of Rector, \$1,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000. Total, 2,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 275; of these, free, 275; rented, not any. Bishop's Address, pages 96-97.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, HASTINGS, BARRY COUNTY. (1883.)

The Rev. JOS. S. LARGE, Acting Rector, (1887.)

H. H. Goodyear, D. G. Robinson, Wardens.

Ellen E. Robinson, Superintendent of the Sunday School—

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 8; total 18. Confirmed during the year, 4. Communicants—Last reported, 115; removed, 10; total lost, 10; total, 105. Marriages, 3; burials, 3. Public services—Sundays, 104; Holy Days, 10; week days, 12; total, 126. Holy Communion—Public, 14. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 11; total, 14; pupils, male, 39; female, 68; total, 107. Average attendance, 66. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 20; Sunday School Library, 263. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 26. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, St. Agnes' Guild, Girls' Sewing School, Class for Bible Study.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$14.55; the Envelope system, \$800; Women's Associations, \$411.95; the Sunday School, \$416.15; other sources, \$65.11; total, \$1,707.76.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's salary	-		\$800	00
For other salaries	-		78	00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-		96	04
The increase and improvement of Church property	-		32	00
For the Sunday School	-		17	95
By the " " for the Sunday School	-		28	78
Balance in hand	-		\$363	43
Total for Parochial Objects	-		\$1,062	77
Diocesan Missions	-		60	00
Assessment of the Convention,	-		39	32
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen	-		8	92

Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese	-	-	10 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, \$5	-	-	5 00
By the " " for Church Building lot to Rev. J. W. Bancroft	-	-	3 70
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Total for Diocesan Objects	-	-	\$ 128 94
General Missions (Board of Missions)	-	-	30 73
Societies for the conversion of Jews	-	-	4 41
American Church Building Fund Commission	-	-	8 92
Woman's Auxiliary Aid	-	-	55 11
By the Sunday School	-	-	25 45
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Total of Offerings	-	-	\$1,314 33

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,500. Salary of the Rector,* \$800.
Insurance—On the Church, \$1,200; total, \$1,200. Capacity of the Church Building
—Whole number of sittings, 160; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 94-98.

GRACE CHURCH, HOLLAND, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1866.)

In charge of THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Charles A. Stevenson and Frank G. Churchill, Wardens.

Charles A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 9; total, 9. Confirmed during the year, 0. Communi-
cants—Last reported, 40; received, 9; total added, 9; died, 1; removed, 4;
total lost, 5; present number male, 9; female, 26; total 35. Burials, 1. Public
Services—Sundays, 22; week days, 4; total, 26. Holy Communion—Public, 7.
Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 69; children, 71; total, 140; of these, bap-
tized persons, 100. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7;
total, 8. Pupils, male, 28; female, 25; total, 53. Average attendance, 40. Sub-
scribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Grace Church Ladies'
Guild, Young Ladies' Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, no record, estimated about \$55;
Subscriptions, \$40; Individual Gifts, \$21; Women's Associations, \$108; the Sun-
day School, \$68.77; other sources, \$430.44; total, \$813.21.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported), no record.	
For the Rector's Salary (paid to Rev. G. S. Ayers, June 1, '87),	\$40 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, no record, esti- mated,	31 07
Paid on indebtedness. (amount due at last Convention, \$2.62),	2 62
By the Sunday School, for papers, etc.,	28 77
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$102 46
Diocesan Missions,	23 93
Total for Diocesan Objects,	23 93

Total of Offerings, - - - - \$126 30

Value of Church Property—Saved from burnt Church, \$250; land, \$400; total,
\$650. Indebtedness—Floating, \$8.67.

Error in Rev. G. S. Ayres' statement. "Total Communicants" should have been 31. Have had great difficulty in making this report, as there has been no record kept.

Bishop's Address, pages 93-96.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOMER, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1841.)

S. A. Ladow and C. F. Collins, Wardens.

John Bayes, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 3; total, 3. Died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4. Marriages, 1; burials, 2. Public Services—Sundays, 26. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from Subscriptions, \$200; other sources, \$100; total, \$300.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	\$200 00
For Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	-	17 45
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 224 95
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	\$229 95

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,500. Insurance—On the Church, \$750. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 300; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IONIA, IONIA COUNTY. (1842.)

The REV. ROBERT LYNN, Rector. (1887.)

James Vosper and Ethan T. Montgomery, Wardens.

James Vosper, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 9; adults, 5; total, 14. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 97. Confirmed during the year, 10. Communed during the year, 60. Communicants—Last reported, 80; admitted, 2; received, 7; total added, 9; died, 1; removed, 7; total lost, 8. Present number, male, 22; female, 75; total, 97. Marriages, 3; burials, 3. Public Services—Sundays, 82; Holy Days, 5; week days, 70; total, 157. Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 45; adults, 115; children, 44; total, 159. Of these, baptized persons, 131. Catechising—Number of times, 6. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 8; female, 6; total, 9; pupils, male, 34; female, 71; total, 105. Average attendance, 55. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 180. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 12. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Pipe Organ Guild, Young People's Guild. Have held Missionary services in St. Paul's Church, Greenville, 15; administered Communion, 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$559.85; the Envelope System,

\$777.30; Women's Associations, \$49.50; Income from Investments, \$12.09; the Sunday School, \$39.19; other sources, \$27.16; total, \$1,465.78.

Balance on hand last report, - - - - \$361 87

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported),	-	\$ 21 84
For the Rector's Salary, (paid to April 15, 1888,) -	-	\$647 64
For other Salaries, - - - -	-	31 25
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	-	208 80
The increase and improvment of Church property -	-	22 84
For the Sunday School, - - - -	-	9 27
By the Sunday School, for library and question books, -	-	50 50
Investment of Sinking Fund, - - - -	-	600 00
Balance in hand, - - - -	-	96 59
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - -	-	\$1,678 91
Diocesan Missions, - - - -	-	70 53
Assessment of the Convention, - - - -	-	41 66
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - -	-	112 19
General Missions, - - - -	-	4 51
Domestic Missions, - - - -	-	5 53
Foreign Missions, - - - -	-	6 86
Societies for the conversion of Jews, - - - -	-	1 00
American Church Building Fund Commission, - - - -	-	4 25
By the Sunday School, for Missions, - - - -	-	14 60
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, - - - -	-	36 55
Total of Offerings, - - - -	-	\$1,827 65

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$7,500; Chapel, \$900; Investments, \$600; total, \$8,750. Indebtedness—Floating, \$186.88; Secured, \$1,000. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$5,000; Chapel, \$500; other property, \$1,000; total, \$6,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of Sittings, 375; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-94-97.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY. (1837.)

The REV. ROBERT ELLIS JONES, Rector. (1884)

Henry Brees and Theodore P. Sheldon, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 26; adults, 17; total, 43. Confirmed during the year, 34. Communicants—Last reported, 360; restored, 14; admitted, 34; received, 24; total added, 72; died, 5; removed, 12; suspended, 9; dropped, 5; total lost, 31; present number male, 86; female, 301; total, 387. Marriages, 13; Burials, 21. Public Services—Sundays, 120; Holy Days, 6; Week Days, 41; total, 170. Holy Communion—Public, 26; private, 2. Congregation—Families, 220; adults, 525; children, 250; total, 775; of these, baptized persons, Catechising—Number of times, 15. Sunday Schools—Teachers and Officers, male, 4; female, 15; total, 19; pupils, male, 60; female, 125; total, 185; average attendance, 100. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 35. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, St. Agnes' Guild, Willing Hands. Have held Missionary services in Charlevoix and Schoolcraft.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

Balance in hand, April 26, 1887, - - - - \$ 178 84

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$1,226.59; the Envelope System, \$2,809.64; Subscriptions, \$259.50; Individual gifts, \$6,550; Women's Associations, \$270; the Sunday School, \$72.39; other sources, \$412.25; total, \$11,809.21.

Disbursements:—	
Alms at Holy Communion not otherwise reported,	*\$ 159 02
For the Rector's Salary (paid in full),	1,500 00
For other Salaries,	947 00
For Repairs on the Rectory,	483 15
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,126 67
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$9,302.27)	6,733 00
Local Charities (Thanksgiving Day Offertory),	104 14
For the Sunday School,	104 65
Balance in hand,	\$117 71
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$10,998 61
Diocesan Missions,	203 00
Assessment of the Convention,	240 83
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	80 56
Total for Diocesan Objects,	524 39
Domestic Missions,	72 87
Foreign Missions,	57 06
Missions for Colored People,	4 50
Indian Missions,	1 50
Societies for the conversion of Jews,	25 57
American Church Building Fund Commission,	7 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	168 50
Total of Offerings,	\$11,809 21

*Not included in total.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$50,000; Chapel, \$1,000; Parish House, \$2,500; Rectory, \$5,000; total, \$59,500. Indebtedness—Floating, \$2,362.56, secured, \$1,450. Salary of the Rector, \$1,500 and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, Organ, etc., \$18,000; Rectory, \$2,000; Parish House, \$1,500; Chapel, \$700; total, \$20,200. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 700; of these, free, all; rented, none.

Bishop's Address, pages 96-97.

GRACE CHURCH, LUDINGTON, MASON COUNTY. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD Rector. (1873.)

W. H. Phillips, E. D. Leaton, Wardens.

H. W. Stanhope, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

H. W. Stanhope, Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 9; total, 9. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 47; Communicated during the year, 37. Communicants—Last reported, 40; received, 10; total added, 10; removed, 4; total lost, 4; present number male, 8; present number female, 38; total, 46. Marriages, 5; burials, 6. Public Services—Sundays, 94; Holy Days, 4; week days, 12; total, 110. Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 4. Congregation—Families, 23; adults, 58; children, 23; total, 81. Of these, baptized persons, 84. Catechising—Number of times, 2. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 6; total, 8; pupils, male, 14; female, 20; total, 42; average attendance, 30. Number of Volumes—S. S. Library, 65. Subscriber to *Church Helper*, 14. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society. Have held Missionary and funeral services in Pentwater and one Sunday service, morning and evening and administered the Holy Communion.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$104; The Envelope System, \$100; Individual gifts, \$77; Women's Associations, \$106; Sunday School, \$21; other sources, \$3.84; total, \$416.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Disbursements:—	
For the Rector's Salary	\$150 00
For other Salaries	23 00
For Insurance	44 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	26 36
The increase and improvement of Church property	130 00
By the Sunday School, for the Sunday School	16 00
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Total for Parochial Objects	\$389 86
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Assessment of the Convention	8 84
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	1 00
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Total for Diocesan Objects,	14 84
Domestic Missions,	1 00
Foreign Missions,	1 05
American Church Building Fund Commission,	4 85
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions, Lent Offering	5 00
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Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	11 10
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Total of Offerings,	\$ 416 60

Value of Church Property—The Church \$3,500; land, \$800; Church furniture, \$500; total, \$4,800. Indebtedness, secured, \$30. Salary of the Rector, Missionary stipend included, \$412.50. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,800; other property, \$400; total, \$2,200 for three years. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all,

Bishop's Address, page 94.

TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1836.)

The Rev. Wm. MORRALL, Rector. (1837.)

James A. Way, and James M. Parsons, Wardens.

Louis Joy, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 16; total, 18. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 200. Confirmed during the year, 21. Communicants—Last reported, 132; admitted, 21; received, 5; total added, 26; died, 4; removed, 5; total lost, 9; present number, male, 28; present number, female, 121; total, 149. Marriages, 5. Burials, 20. Public Services—Sundays, 80; Holy Days, 10; week days, 30; total, 120. Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 140. Catechising—Number of times, 30. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 11; total, 15; pupils, male, 45; female, 75; total, 120. Average attendance, 112. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 19. Names of Parochial Societies—Parochial Association, Girls' Friendly, Girls' Missionary, and St. Andrew's Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$170.57; Easter, \$74.04; pew rents, \$1,033.63; subscriptions, \$241.82; income from investments, \$181.67; the Sunday School, \$90.60; total, \$1,720.29.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary (paid to April 1, 1888)	\$ 883 33
For other Salaries	170 15
For Insurance	21 00

For Repairs on the Rectory	-	-	-	51 30
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	-	-	-	206 01
For the Sunday School	-	-	-	19 36
Total for Parochial Objects	-	-	-	\$1,351 14
Diocesan Missions	-	-	-	116 19
Assessment of the Convention	-	-	-	05 38
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen	-	-	-	21 14
Total for Diocesan Objects	-	-	-	\$202 71
General Missions	(Board of Missions)	-	-	57 80
Missions for Colored People	"	"	-	11 57
Indian Missions	"	"	-	3 35
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews	-	-	-	13 49
By the Sunday School for General Missions	-	-	-	15 00
Bishop Gillespie Scholarship	-	-	-	10 00
Hospital cot in China	-	-	-	2 81
Missions through Mrs. Hadley	-	-	-	5 25
St. Andrew's Cottage, Long Island	-	-	-	2 64
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-	-	-	\$121 91
Total of Offerings	-	-	-	\$1,675 76

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$12,000; Rectory, \$3,400; Investments, \$2,200; total, \$17,600. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000 and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, \$7,000; Rectory, \$2,800; total, \$9,800. Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 450; Free, 150; rented, 300
Bishop's Address, page 95.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON, MUSKEGON COUNTY. (1867.)

The Rev. J. N. RIPPEY, M. D., Rector. (1884.)

J. B. Murphy and L. P. Jocelyn, Lay Readers.

J. B. Murphy, E. G. Rote, Wardens.

J. N. Rippey, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants and children, 19; adults, 4; total, 23. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 218. Confirmed during the year, 11. Communed during the year, 149. Communicants—Last reported, 151; admitted, 11; received, 20; total added, 31; died, 3; removed, 10; total lost, 13. Present number, male, 30; female, 139; total, 169. Marriages, 7. Burials, 12. Public Services—Sundays, 127; Holy Days, 22; week days, 78; total, 225. Holy Communion—Public, 53; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 130; adults, 304; children, 225; total, 529. Of these, baptized persons, 400. Catechising—Number of times, frequently. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total, 12; pupils, male, 54; pupils, female, 78; total, 130. Average attendance, (about) 70. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 30; Sunday School Library, 40. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 19. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society, Young People's Guild. Have held missionary services in Whitehall, Traverse City, Charlevoix, and Harbor Springs.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$300.23; the Envelope system, \$1,349.22; Individual gifts, \$300; Women Associations, \$1,158.70; the Sunday School, \$80.22; other sources, \$136.51; total, \$3,226.18.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)	\$.	23 28
For the Rector's Salary		1,247 54
For other Salaries		212 00
For Insurance		25 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance		342 72
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention \$275)		275 00
Paid one-half rent of Rector's house, by Ladies' Society		110 00
Paid by Ladies' Society for sundry expenses		444 22
For the Sunday School by Ladies' Society		50 00
By the Sunday School for itself		51 90
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Balance In hand	\$184.36	184 36
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Total for Parochial Objects		\$2,975 90
Diocesan Missions		40 00
Assessment of the Convention,		74 05
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen		16 72
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese		12 10
Church Building at Holland		8 20
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions		10 00
By the " " for lot at Luther		3 17
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Total for Diocesan Objects		\$ 174 64
Domestic Missions, (The Board of Missions)		22 02
Foreign Missions, " "		5 18
Missions for Colored People, \$3.00, Woman's Auxiliary, \$2.34		5 34
Indian Missions		3 00
Education for the Ministry, Society Increase Ministry		4 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies		3 18
Societies for the conversion of Jews		2 00
General Clergy Relief Fund		4 07
American Church Building Fund Commission		5 16
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions		15 00
Nashotah		2 00
Seabury Divinity School		2 00
Pere Vilatte's Old Catholic work		2 00
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Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		75 55

Total of Offerings - \$3,226 18

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$7,000; Chapel, \$1,000; total, \$8,000. Salary of Rector, \$1,350. Insurance—On Church, \$2,500; other property, \$800; total, \$3,300. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, 250.

Bishop's Address, pages 94-95-96.

TRINITY CHURCH, NILES, BERRIEN COUNTY. (1834.)

Vacant.

Worth Landon, Lay Reader.

Lewis H. Beeson, John H. Richardson, Wardens.

Lewis H. Beeson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Present number, male, 50; female, 115; total, 165. Congregation—Families, 110; adults, 200; children, 125; total, 325. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 10; total, 15; pupils male, 35; pupils, female, 50; total, 85. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 200. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 12.—[Last year's report.]

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$180.39; pew rents, \$68.91; subscriptions, \$85; individual gifts, \$14; Women's Associations, \$380.80; other sources, \$805; total, \$1,463.90.

Disbursements:—

For salaries	\$ 42 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	214 59
The increase and improvement of Church property	30 00
Paid on indebtedness (amount due at last Convention, \$2,050)	1,129 36
Balance in hand	\$53.95
Total for Parochial Objects	\$1,449 90
Assessment of the Convention,	14 00
Total for Diocesan Objects	14 00
Total of Offerings,	\$1,463 90

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$15,000; Rectory, \$1,300; total, \$16,300. Indebtedness—Floating, \$150; secured, \$850. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000; Rectory, \$500; total, \$2,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sitting, 350; of these, free, 250; rented, 100.

Bishop's Address, pages 96-97.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PAW PAW, VAN BUREN COUNTY. (1851.)

General Missionary in charge.

Communicants—Last reported, 25; removed, 3; total lost, 3; present number, male, 2; female, 20; total, 22. Public Services—Sundays, 10; week days, 2; total, 12. Holy Communion—Public, 3. Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 23; children, 20; total, 43; of these, baptized persons, 22. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, female, 5; total, 5; pupils, male, 8; female, 6; total, 14. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 8. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Society of St. Mark's.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The total receipts have been - - - - - \$79 36

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to S. D. Hamilton,)	\$32 84
For other salaries, (Rev. A. Greenleaf,)	5 00
For Insurance,	20 00
For the Sunday School,	5 00
By the Sunday School, for Missions, Easter,	2 00
Balance in hand,	2 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	66 84
Diocesan Missions,	4 13
Assessment of the Convention,	1 75
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,	6 64
Total for Diocesan Objects,	77 36
Domestic Missions,	1 00
Foreign Missions,	1 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	2 00
Total of Offerings,	79 36

Value of Church Property—Chapel, \$2,500. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 175; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, page 93.

TRINITY CHURCH, SARANAC, IONIA COUNTY. (1887.)

General Missionary in charge.

William Whitney and James H. Killmer, Wardens.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 5. Communicants—Last reported, 5; removed, 1; not found, 2; total lost, 3; present number female, 5. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 2.

The Church was struck by lightning about a year ago. There have been no services since. The Church is for sale, as there are no male communicants to assist in repairing, or that will take hold to build it up.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$300. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all; rented, none.

Bishop's Address, page 96.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SAUGATUCK, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1888.)

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS, Rector. (1888.)

A. B. Taylor, Senior Warden; John Priest, Junior Warden.

Albert E. Wells, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 17; adults, 1; total, 18. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 30; confirmed during the year, 2. Communed during the year, 25. Communicants—Last reported, 29; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; removed, 1; total lost, 1; present number, male, 4; female, 20; total, 23. Marriages, 2; burials, 4. Public services, 33; Sundays, 44; Holy Days, 1; week days, 8; total, 53. Holy Communion—Public 11. Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 40; children, 60; total, 100; of these, baptized persons, 75. Catechising—Number of times, 6. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 6; total, 9; pupils, male, 20; female, 30; total, 50; average attendance, 45. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 80. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$79.56; the Envelope System, \$86.14; Subscriptions, \$12; Individual Gifts, \$138.37; Women's Associations, \$34; the Sunday School, \$14; other sources, the field, \$50; amount on hand last year, \$34.60; total, \$448.66.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to June 1, 1888.)	-	-	\$120 00
For other Salaries,	-	-	90 00
For Insurance.	-	-	18 00
For Repairs on the Church,	-	-	50 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	25 00
By the Sunday School, for singing books, papers, etc.,	-	-	28 00
Balance in hand,	-	-	83 57
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$414 57
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	-	-	4 64
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	-	-	1 53
Services for Deaf Mutes,	-	-	4 16
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	5 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	25 33
General Missions, (The Board of Missions)	-	-	1 30
Domestic Missions,	-	-	1 63
Indian Missions,	-	-	1 10

American Church Building Fund Commission,	-	-	1 01
Woman's Auxiliary Aid,	-	-	1 61
By the Sunday School for Naahotah,	-	-	2 11
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	8 78

Total of Offerings, - - - - - \$448 66

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000. Salary of the Rector, \$700. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all; rented, none.

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GRACE CHURCH, TRAVERSE CITY, GRAND TRAVERSE CO. (1873.)

Baptized—Infants, 1; total, 1. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 30. Communicants—Last reported, 30. Marriages, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 13; week days, 12; total, 25. Holy Communion—Public, 2. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 28; Sunday School Library, 300. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$12.36; Subscriptions, \$77.17; Women's Associations, \$250.12; total, \$339.65.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$ 71 50
For Insurance,	-	-	-	-	13 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	-	-	82 42
Paid on indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	79 98
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	79 60
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 246 90
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Assessment of the Convention, arrears, (\$111.36)	-	-	-	-	2 36
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	12 36

Total of Offerings, - - - - - \$339 65

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; of these, free, all; rented, 0.

The Rev. Luther Pardee, Rector of St. Paul's, Elk Rapids, rendered the Parish efficient service during the winter. Services have been held by various Clergymen during the summer. The report is partly compiled by the Secretary from last year, partly from notes from Rev. L. Pardee, and partly from an incomplete financial report sent the Bishop.

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GRACE CHURCH, UNION CITY, BRANCH COUNTY. (1888.)

The Rev. A. WETHERBER, Rector. (1888.)

Hiram Crissey, Henry F. Ewers, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 2; total, 2. Confirmed during the year, 1. Communicants—Last reported, 23; admitted, 1; total added, 1. Present number, male, 8; female, 16; total, 24. Marriages, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 22; week days, 1; total, 23. Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1. Congregation—Families,

11; adults, 32; children, 4; total, 36. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 20; Sunday School Library, 50. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$12.97; subscriptions, \$77.50; balance on hand, \$4.24; total, \$94.71.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to A. Wetherbee)	\$71 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	23 21
Total for Parochial Objects	\$94 71
Total of Offerings	\$94 71

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,900. Insurance—On the Church, \$24. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 350: of these, free, 350.

Bishop's Address, pages 95.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, WHITEHALL, MUSKOGON COUNTY.

The Rev. J. N. RIPPEY, In Charge.

L. P. Jocelyn, Muskogon, April 29, '88, Lay Reader.

M. DeMoss, Edward Skeels, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 3; total, 3. Communicants—Last reported, 34; removed, 2; dropped, 3; total lost, 5. Present number, male, 3; female, 26; total, 29. Public Services—Sundays, 9; week days, 9; total, 18. Holy Communion—Public 4. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 50. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$21.45; Subscriptions, \$4.60; total, \$26.05.

Disbursements:—

For salaries, (Rouder, \$6.90)	\$ 6 90
For Insurance	35 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	14 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	\$56 40
Diocesan Missions,	5 00
Assessment of the Convention	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	10 00
Domestic Missions	1 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	1 00
Total of Offerings,	\$67 40

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,500; total, \$1,500. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,009; total, \$1,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 140; of these, free, all.

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REPORTS OF ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

(ORGANIZED.)

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BALDWIN, LAKE COUNTY. (1879.)

The Rev. J. B. PRICHARD, Missionary.

Mr. Frank Withey, Treasurer.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 6. Communicants—Last reported, 4; present number, female, 4. Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 21; children, 22; total, 43; of these, baptized persons, 22. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 150. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 1.—[Last year's report.]

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$2.48; other sources, \$142.68; total, \$145.16.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary	\$10 53
For Insurance	20 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	73 12
Paid Association of the Diocese in trust	38 60
Balance in hand	2 41

Total for Parochial Objects	\$145 16
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Value of Church Property—The Church, \$800; Rectory, \$400; Insurance—On the Church, \$500; Rectory, \$300; other property, \$50; total, \$850. The Bishop has officiated on one Sunday. The Church has been thoroughly calss-mined. The foundations have been boarded up and a fence put around the whole lot. If the Church and fence could be painted now, the property would be in fine shape.

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HOLY TRINITY MISSION, BENTON HARBOR, BERRIEN CO. (1882.)

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector.

A. Coates, Warden.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 7; total, 17. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 45. Confirmed during the year, 3. Communicants—Last reported, 36; admitted, 9; received, 5; total added, 14; removed, 3; total lost, 3. Present number, male, 6; female, 40; total, 46. Marriages, 9; burials, 6. Public Services—Sundays, 75; Holy Days, 5; week days, 12; total, 82. Holy Communion—Public, 10. Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 55; children, 20; total, 75. Catechising—Number of times, 25. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, ..; female, ..; total ..; pupils, male, ...; female, ..; total, ... Average attendance, 25. Number of

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Volumes—Sunday School Library, 80. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 8. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Aid Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$87; subscriptions, \$200; individual gifts, \$32; other sources, \$17.50; total, \$384.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to May,) - - - -	\$200 00
For Insurance, - - - - -	10 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - -	20 00
Balance in hand, - - - - -	\$2.88
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	\$ 230 00
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	15 00
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	15 00
General Missions, - - - - -	8 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, - - -	8 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, - - -	11 10
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$384 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,666. Indebtedness—Secured, \$600. Salary of the Rector, \$300. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,200. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all.

Sunday School and Bible Class combined in one.

Bishop's Address, pages 93-94.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. (18 .)

The Rev. CHARLES T. STOUT, Missionary.

W. P. BROWN, Lay Reader.

W. P. BROWN, Warden.

W. P. BROWN, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 20; adults, 22; total, 42. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 54. Confirmed during the year, 23. Communed during the year, 35. Communicants—Last reported, 28; admitted, 23; total added, 23; died, 1; removed, 7; total lost, 8; present number, male, 14; present number, female, 30; total, 44. Burials, 2. Public Services—Sundays, 29; Holy Days, Good Friday, 1; week days, 11; total, 41. Holy Communion—Public, 7. Congregation—Families, 23; adults, 58; children, 46; total, 104. Of these, baptized persons, 67. Catechising—Number of times, 4. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 8; female, 5; total, 8; pupils, male, 36; female, 79; total at Easter, 115. Average attendance, 72. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 81. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Church Guild, Sunday School League of Honor.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$46.45; Individual gifts, \$35; Women's Associations, \$67.25; the Sunday School, \$16.80; other sources, \$16.80; total, \$225.54.

Disbursements:—

For all expenses of Parish maintenance, - - -	\$ 24 96
Paid on indebtedness - - - - -	142 00
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	\$166 96

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$ 38 08	
By the Sunday School (for lot, Luther)	-	-	-	-	2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects	-	-	-	-		38 58
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$ 6 00	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	4 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-	-	-	-		10 00
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-		\$215 54

Value of Church Property—The Church lots, \$900. Indebtedness, secured, \$500. We are unable to build this year.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-98.

GRACE CHURCH MISSION, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY.

(Reorganized 1888.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Mr. Orr Schurtz, Lay Reader.

Charles Bennett Lamb, Warden.

Orr Schurtz, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 6; total, 6. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 28. Confirmed during the year, 6. Communed during the year, 23. Communicants—Last reported, 10; admitted, 6; received, 7; total added, 13; present number, male, 4; present number female, 19; total, 23. Public Services—Sundays, 12; week days 9; total, 21. Holy Communion—Public, 3. Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 28; children, 12; total, 40. Of these, baptized persons, 39. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9; pupils, male, 18; female, 28; total, 46; average attendance, 40. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 5.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$62.83. Total, \$62.83.

Disbursements:—

Expenses of the Bishop's Visitation,	-	-	-	\$ 2 00	
For the Sunday School, rent of Hall and supplies,	-	-	-	44 20	
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-		\$ 46 20
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	14 90	
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-		14 90
General Missions,	-	-	-	1 73	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-		1 73
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-		\$ 62 83

There is a good prospect of the resuscitation of the Mission. Services are held in a room. The Mission has a good organ.

Bishop's Address, pages 95-98.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, COOPERSVILLE, OTTAWA COUNTY.

H. C. Durphy, Warden.

Removed, 4; total lost 4. Present number, male, 1; female, 1; total, 2. Burials, 1.

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$650. Capacity of the Church

Building—Whole number of sittings, 100; of these, free, all. Mrs. M. J. Phelps, an earnest member of the Church, has died during the year.

Bishop's Address, pages

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE, MONTCALM COUNTY. (1881.

The Rev. ROBT. LYNN, In Charge.

W. B. Wells, Lay Reader.

W. B. Wells, Warden.

C. L. Barden, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Communicants—Last reported, 16; total added, 10; total 26. Public Services—Sundays, 2; week days, 14; total 16. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 8; female, 30; total, 6; pupils male, 10; female, 19; total, 29. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 26; Sunday School Library, 260.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$31.69.

Disbursements:—

Diocesan Missions	-	-	-	-	-	12 70
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Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,800. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 250, Of these free, 250. No officers elected last year. The Sunday School was discontinued the last of May, 1887; reorganized May, 1888.

Bishop's Address, page 97.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY. (1882.)

Mr. William Hardy, Warden.

Miss Mary Rollins, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 7; total, 10. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 8. Confirmed during the year, 5. Communed during the year, 56. Communicants—Last reported, 10; removed, 1; total lost, 1; present number male, 2; female, 9; total, 11. Public Services—Sundays, 12; Week Days, 6; total, 18. Holy Communion, 4; public, all. Congregation—Families, 17; adults, 28; children, 12; total, 40; of those, baptized persons, 24. Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, . . ; female, 4; total, 4; pupils, male, 10; female, 15; total, 25; average attendance, 18. Number of Volumes—S. S. Library, 50. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$38.20; Gift to Sunday School, \$20; total, \$58.30.

Disbursements:—

Paid on indebtedness, amount due at last convention,	-	-	\$ 6 00
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	-	-	4 80
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	10 80
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	32 50
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	32 50
Domestic Missions,	-	-	1 50
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	1 50
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$ 44 80

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$3,000. Indebtedness—None. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-98.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANISTEE, MANISTEE COUNTY.

The Rev. HENRY E. S. SOMERVILLE, In Charge.

Ellsworth Ellis, M. D., Warden.

Thomas Smurthwaite, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 60. Communed during the year, 58. Communicants—Last reported, 36; received, 24; total added, 24; removed, 12; total lost, 12. Present number, male, 11; female, 37; total, 48. Burials, 3. Public Services—Sundays, 54; Holy Days, 18; week days, 63; total, 175. Holy Communion—Public, 34; private, 2. Congregation—Families, 44; adults, 69; children, 81; total, 190. Of these, baptized persons, 128. Catechising—Number of times, 8. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5; total, 7; pupils, male, 23; pupils, female, 42; total, 65. Average attendance, 41. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 54; Sunday School Library, 200. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 9. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Working Guild, Young Girls' Altar Guild, Choir Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$128.66; Subscriptions, \$541.49; other sources, \$30.49; total, \$721.35.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion not otherwise reported,	-	*\$ 7 65	
For the Rector's Salary (paid to April 1st)	-	571 31	
For other Salaries,	-	40 00	
For Insurance	-	2 10	
For the Sunday School	-	41 00	
Balance in hand	-	20 00	
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Total for Parochial Objects	-		\$681 98
Diocesan Missions	-	17 00	
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Total for Diocesan Objects,	-		17 00
Domestic Missions,	-	3 83	
Foreign Missions,	-	3 44	
Missions for Colored People	-	4 04	
Societies for the conversion of Jews,	-	2 80	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic and Foreign Missions	-	8 38	
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Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese	-		22 49
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Total of Offerings	-		\$ 721 35

Value of Church Property—Investments, \$575. Salary of Rector, \$825. Insurance, \$150. Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 125. Of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-98.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, MT. PLEASANT, ISABELLA COUNTY. (1888.)

The REV. N. S. BOARDMAN, Rector. (1888.)

N. S. Boardman, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 1; total, 11. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 70. Communicants—Last reported, 115; admitted, 2; total added, 2; died, 1; not found, 44; total lost, 45; present number male, 21; female, 51; total, 72. Marriages, 5; burials, 4. Public Services—Sundays, 138; week days, 48; total, 178. Holy Communion—Public, 11. Congregation—Families, 42; adults, 100; children, 40; total, 140; of these, baptized persons, 106. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 4; total, 7; pupils, male, 20; female, 27; total, 47; average attendance, 30. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 14. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$242.52; the Envelope System, \$290.95; Women's Associations, \$100; total, \$642.47.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to June 1, 1888,)	-	-	\$464 57
For Repairs on the Rectory,	-	-	1 10
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	-	-	71 08
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$700)—			
Interest of Debt,	-	-	59 00
On Debt,	-	-	50 00
For the Sunday School,	-	-	12 33
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$642 47
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	30 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	30 00
Total of Offerings,			\$672 47

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$5,000, Rectory, \$3,000; total, \$8,000. Indebtedness—Floating, \$46.18. Salary of the Rector, \$550. Insurance—On the Church, \$2,500; Rectory, \$1,500; other property, (contents of Church), \$500; total, \$4,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 100; of these, free, all.

Having recently become Rector of St. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, I have been unable to make as full a report as I would like.

N. S. BOARDMAN.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-95-98.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEWAYGO, NEWAYGO COUNTY. (1876.)

The REV. CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D., In Charge.

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

E. S. Bennett, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Adults, 7; total, 7. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 21. Confirmed during the year, 9. Communicants—Last reported, 21; admitted, 6; received, 1; total added, 7; removed, 2; total lost, 2. Present number, male, 5; female, 21; total, 26. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Public Services—Sundays, about 13; Holy Days, about 7; week days, 19; total, 30. Holy Communion—Public, 9. Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 35; children, 35; total, 70. Of these, baptized persons, 35. Catechising—Number of times, occasionally. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 6; pupils, male, 10;

female, 30; total, 40. Average attendance, about 30. Number of Volumes—Sunday School Library, 150. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$46.65; Subscriptions, \$66; Woman's Associations, \$235.92; the Sunday School, \$30.65; other sources, \$55; total, \$424.22.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary (paid to Rev. C. Fair)	\$ 95 00
For other Salaries (Bishop's expenses)	2 00
For Insurance	30 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance	34 50
The increase and improvement of Church property	254 99
Paid on Indebtedness (amount due at last Convention, \$500)	
Paid interest on indebtedness	40 00
(The above indebtedness is provided for when due)	
Total for Parochial Objects	\$456 40
Diocesan Missions,	\$ 10 00
Total for Diocesan Objects	10 00
Total of Offerings	\$466 49

Value of Church Property—The Church and lot, \$2,800. Indebtedness, secured, \$600. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500; other property, \$500; total, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, page 98.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PENTWATER, OCEANA COUNTY. (1877.)

The General Missionary in charge.

Geo. Henry Cleveland, M. D., Lay Reader.

J. W. Loomis, Warden.

Geo. Henry Cleveland, M. D., Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 2; total, 2. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 24. Confirmed during the year, 2. Communed during the year, (estimated,) 60. Communicants—Last reported, 24; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; died, 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present number of male, 6; female, 18; total, 24. Burials, 3. Public Services, . . . Sundays, 50; Holy Days, 1; week days, 4; total, 64. Holy Communion—Public, 6. Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 21; children, 16; total, 37; of these, baptized persons, 35. Catechising—Number of times, 12. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 2; total, 4; pupils, male, 6; female, 21; total, 27; average attendance, 22. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 13. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 13. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Aid Society.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$103; Individual Gifts, \$35.33; Women's Associations, \$80; the Sunday School, \$30; total, \$248.33.

Disbursements:—

For all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	\$ 5 30
The increase and improvement of Church property,	169 66

Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention, \$12.91)	12 91
For the Sunday School, Christmas, -	3 63
By the Sunday School, for Lecturn, \$10; support, \$17.25, -	27 25
Total for Parochial Objects, -	918 75
Assessment of the Convention, overpaid, (\$5.03), -	7 56
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, -	1 25
Rev. J. B. Pritchard, -	3 10
By the Sunday School, for Bishop's fund (special), -	65
Total for Diocesan Objects, -	12 56
Domestic Missions, -	2 76
American Church Building Fund Commission, -	1 17
Woman's Auxiliary Aid, -	7 75
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions, -	91
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -	12 59
Total of Offerings, -	\$ 243 90

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,450; total, \$1,450. Insurance—On the Church, \$800; total, \$800. Capacity of Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 75; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, page 92.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY. (1887.)

The REV. CHARLES T. STOUT, In Charge. (1887.)

J. H. K. Burgwin, Warden.

J. H. K. Burgwin, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 14; adults, 15; total, 29. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 43. Confirmed during the year, 12. Communed during the year, 43. Communicants—Last reported, 25. (Of these I found no list, so could not verify.) Admitted, 13; received, 2; total added, 15; removed, 6; not communed, 2; total lost, 8. Present number, male, 6; female, 36; total, 42. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Public Services—Sundays, 71; Holy Days, 8; week days, 42; total, 121. Holy Communion—Public, 15. Congregation—Families, 48; adults, 94; children, 40; total, 134. Catechising—Number of times, 30. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 7; total, 10; pupils, male, 13; female, 47; total, 60. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 12. Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Guild, Busy Bees. Have held missionary services in Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and East Jordan,

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$398.78; Subscriptions, \$392.65; Individual gifts outside of Parish, \$70.00; Women's Associations, \$258.06; the Sunday School, \$42.87; other sources, \$12; total, \$1,174.36.

Disbursements:—

Alms at Holy Communion not otherwise reported, -	\$ 17 12
For the Rector's Salary. (paid to June 1, 1888,) -	\$477 49
For other Salaries, -	34 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	267 06
For Organ, -	70 55
Communion Service, -	15 47
The increase and improvement of Church property, -	219 01
Local Charity, -	7 07
For the Sunday School, -	7 05

By the Sunday School, for expenses, - - - - -	30 15
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	\$1,146 60
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, - - - - -	3 40
By the Sunday School, Lenten Offering for Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	4 24
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	7 64
General Missions, - - - - -	11 64
By the Sunday School, Lenten Offering for General Missions, - - - - -	8 48
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	20 12
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$1,174 36

Salary of the Rector, \$700. Missionary Aid, \$300. Total, \$1,000.

The Missionary took charge September 18, 1887. The clerical report is from that date. The Financial Report is for the Conventional year. The Missionary pays \$100 a year rent.

Bishop's Address, page 92-98.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, QUINCY, BRANCH COUNTY. (1882.)

The REV. HENRY HUGHES, Missionary.

H. D. Pessell, Warden.

Mrs. Mary L. Woods, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Child, 1; adults, 5; total, 6. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 29. confirmed during the year, 8. Communicated during the year, ... Communicants—Last reported, 24; admitted, 8; total added, 8; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number, male, 2; female, 27; total, 29. Marriages, 1; burials, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 27; Holy Days, ...; week days, 10; total, 37. Holy Communion—Public 6. Congregation—Families, 23; adults, 37; children, 41; total, 78; of these, baptized persons, 62. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total, 5; pupils, male, 8; female, 28; total, 34; average attendance, 22. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Aid Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$32.97; Subscriptions, \$105.25; Women's Associations, \$35; the Sunday School, \$22; total, \$195.22.

Disbursements:—

For the Rector's Salary, (paid to this time,) - - - - -	\$ 76 75
For other Salaries, - - - - -	10 00
For Repairs on the Church, - - - - -	18 85
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - -	27 75
For the Sunday School, - - - - -	26 40
To collect for Salary, - - - - -	23 25
Total for Parochial Objects, - - - - -	\$183 00
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, - - - - -	1 77
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - - - -	6 77
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	2 28
Missions for Colored People, - - - - -	1 75
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, - - - - -	1 42
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, - - - - -	5 45
Total of Offerings, - - - - -	\$195 22

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,200. Salary of Rector, \$100. In-

surance—On the Church, \$1,000. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 100; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 97.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ROCKFORD, KENT COUNTY. (1881.)

General Missionary in charge.

D. W. C. Burch, M. D., Warden.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 19. Communicants during the year, 13. Communicants—Last reported, 17; died, 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present number male, 1; female, 12; total, 13. Public services—Sundays, 6. Holy Communion—Public, 3. Congregation—Families, 8; adults, 15; children, 8; total, 23; of these, baptized persons, 21. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female 3; pupils, male, 6; female, 15; total, 21; average attendance, 17. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$5.63; Women's Associations, \$2.20; total, \$7.83.

Disbursements:—

For return of organ to Charlotte,	-	-	-	-	\$2 20
Expenses of the Bishop, -	-	-	-	-	50
For wood, -	-	-	-	-	1 25
For the Sunday School, -	-	-	-	-	50
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$ 4 45
Diocesan Missions, -	-	-	-	-	3 88
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	3 88
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$ 7 83

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000. Indebtedness—Secured, \$500. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,500. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 150, of these free, 150.

Since the Convention, \$30.78 has been paid to meet the interest on the debt. The Mission is greatly weakened by removals, the town is not thriving as once it was, and our people have considerable reason for discouragement.

Bishop's Address, page 98.

GRACE MISSION, STANTON, MONTCALM COUNTY. (1887.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 20. Communicants—Last reported, 20; received, 1; total added, 1; removed, 5; dropped, 3; total lost, 8; present number male, 1; female, 12; total, 13. Public Services—Sundays, 9; week days, 1; total, 10. Holy Communion—Public, 5. Congregation—Families, 7; total, 25.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—None given.

Disbursements:—

Diocesan Missions, -	-	-	-	-	\$20 45
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	20 45
General Missions, -	-	-	-	-	2 03
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -	-	-	-	-	2 03
Total of Offerings,	-	-	-	-	\$22 48

See General Missionary's Report.

(UNORGANIZED.)

MISSION, EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. (1886.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

J. C. Jordan, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 27. Confirmed during the year, 7. Communicants—Last reported, 16; admitted, 7; received, 3; total added, 10; removed, 5; total lost, 5. Present number, male, 6; female, 15; total, 21. Marriages, ...; burials, ... Public Services—Sundays, 9; Holy Days, ...; week days, 2; total, 11. Holy Communion—Public, 5. Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 38; children, 34; total, 72. Catechising—Number of times, 4. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9; pupils, male, 11; female, 20; total, 31. Average attendance, ... Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4. Names of Parochial Societies—The Ladies' Episcopal Mission: Number of members, 17; honorary members, gentlemen, 11; The Children's Mission, number of members, 13.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$18.33; Woman's Associations, \$146.50; the Sunday School, \$20.42; total, \$185.25.

Disbursements:—

For expenses of the Bishop,	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 25
For organ and stool,	-	-	-	-	70 00
For charitable purposes,	-	-	-	-	1 50
By the Sunday School, for books and papers,	-	-	-	-	11 09
" " " " Incidentals,	-	-	-	-	1 10
Balance in hand,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$85 54
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	12 63
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	-	-	\$12 63
General Missions, (The Board of Missions)	-	-	-	-	1 85
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	-	-	-	-	2 70
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	-	-	2 03
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	6 48
Total of Offerings	-	-	-	-	\$104 85

Value of Church Property—The Ladies' Society have at interest, \$75.00.

Bishop's Address, pages 92-93.

MISSION, LUTHER, LAKE COUNTY. (1886.)

General Missionary in charge.

C. D. Barghoorn, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 3; total, 11. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 16. Confirmed during the year, 9. Communicated during the year, 14. Communicants—Last reported, 5; admitted, 7; total added, 11; died, ...; removed, 2; total lost, 2; present number, male, 6; present number, female, 8; total 14. Burials, 1. Public Services—Sundays, 8; week days, 1; total, 9. Holy Communion—Public, 2. Congregation—Families, 7; adults, 14; children, 20; total, 34. Of these, baptized persons, 34. Catechising—Number of times, 4. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 4; total, 6; pupils, male, 12; female, 13; total, 25; average attendance, 23. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$9.15; Subscriptions, \$125; Women's Associations, \$32.90; the Sunday School, \$26.57; total, \$253.62.

Disbursements:—

The increase of Church property--The Organ,	-	-	\$ 92 00
" " " " " On Church lots,	-	-	125 00
By the Sunday School, for rent and expenses,	-	-	13 09
" " " " , on organ,	-	-	12 10
S. S. Balance in hand,	-	-	\$1.80
Total for Parochial Objects,	-	-	\$243 09
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	9 15
Total for Diocesan Objects,	-	-	9 15
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	-	-	1 38
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	-	-	1 38
			<hr/>
Total of Offerings,	-	-	\$253 62
Value of Church Property--The Church lots, \$300. Indebtedness--Floating,			
for organ, \$20.			

Bishop's Address, pages 97.

APPENDIX "D."

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:—The General Missionary's Report (tabulated) will contain the following record of Ministerial Services, etc.:

At **CHARLEVOIX**:—Sunday services, 5; week day services or visitations, 3; Holy Communion, public, 2; largest number communing, 15; baptized, adults, 17, children, 18; total, 33; confirmed, 23. Offering for Diocesan Missions, \$3.28; Epiphany offering of Sunday School for Church lot, \$2 50.

At **GREENVILLE**:—Sunday services, 6; Holy Communion, public, 3; largest number communing, 14; Diocesan Missions, \$12.70.

At **HOLLAND**:—Sunday services, 12; Holy Communion, public, 4; largest number communing, 19; baptized, adult, 1; children, 6; offering, Diocesan Missions, \$13.14; American Church Building Fund Commission, \$3.70.

At **NEWAYGO**:—Sunday services, 5; burial, 1; Lenten service, 1; Holy Communion, public, 2; largest number communing, 13; offering, for Diocesan Missions, \$3.08; for new Church at Holland, \$5; repayment of Rockford loan from Church Building Fund Commission, \$5.

At **PENTWATER**:—Sunday services, 6; Holy Communion, public, 3; largest number communing, 17; offering for Diocesan Missions, \$7.60.

At **ROCKFORD**:—Sunday services, 4; Holy Communion, 2; largest number communing, 6; died, 1; Diocesan Missions, \$3.38.

Further acknowledgments of moneys received and transmitted: From Charlevoix: Sunday School Epiphany offering for a Church lot, \$2.50. From East Jordan: for the Bishop's expenses, \$1.25; for the Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$2.50. From Holland: the Church Building Fund Commission, \$3.70. From Newaygo: Easter offering, for new Church at Holland, \$5; for repayment of loan to Rockford by the Church Building Fund Commission, \$5. From Paw Paw: for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, \$6.64. From Sheridan: for service leaflets, \$1.50. From Rev. Mr. Woodruff: the offering at Morley, \$2.70 for Diocesan Missions. From Miss L. A. Harvey: for Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 50 cents; for Home and Hospital, St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, \$1. From Mrs. E. B. O. Shetky: for Aged and Infirm Clergymen Fund, \$1 (included in offering of St. Mark's, Paw Paw,). Total, not including the last named item, \$31.20; total acknowledged for the year, \$166.59.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES.

ADVANCE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.—Three communicants residing here are included in the list of East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, was visited and some reputed Church people found, but no special interest was shown by them.

DECATUR, VAN BUREN COUNTY, is where our venerable brother Darius Barker resides, and he says that there are a few church persons there besides his own family.

HOWARD CITY, MONTCALM COUNTY.—The organized Mission here has lapsed, but there are still four or five communicants ardently attached to and desiring the services of the Church.

KALKASKA, KALKASKA COUNTY.—Communicants last reported, 9; removed, 1; present number, male, 4; female, 4; total, 8; (includes 2 at Lodi). The want of a suitable place of worship makes it impossible to work effectively here, though there is material for efficient Church workers here, if they were so minded.

MANCELONA, ANTRIM COUNTY, was visited, six families called upon, and four communicants, ladies, were discovered. Considerable interest was expressed for services, and it is probable other Church families would be found, were a public invitation extended.

MANTON, WEXFORD COUNTY.—There are four or five communicants here and in the neighborhood; but, as in Kalkaska, there is no available room for service, though it is very certain a strong will has made room in even more unfavorable circumstances.

REED CITY, OSCEOLA COUNTY.—The number of communicants has increased of late by removals, and it is possible that occasional services may be in demand for the coming year.

SHERIDAN, MONTCALM COUNTY.—There is no Church strength here. Two or three of those more interested have removed.

STANTON, MONTCALM COUNTY.—The removal of the Warden, last fall, seems to have been an irreparable loss to the Mission here. Church work has ceased, save what one earnest woman does by herself in the way of teaching a Sunday School class made up of two families. Yet there are more than twenty confirmed persons in the village. Communicants last reported, 20; received, 1; removed, 5; dropped, 3; present number male, 1; female, 12; total, 13. There are still seven families, giving a congregation of over 25.

TRUFANT, MONTCALM COUNTY.—There are two families (three communicants), Church women, here, but no demand for services or prospect of Church growth.

TUSTIN, OSCEOLA COUNTY.—Here is an open house, but the people attached to the Church are a few miles away in different directions. There has been no difficulty in having a congregation; but very few have been disposed to take part in the service; we have not been able to have the chants, no one in two years, to my knowledge, desired either baptism or confirmation; my only helpers in the village were a family of staunch Methodists, always hospitable and sympathetic. I did not mean to abandon the place, but have virtually done so.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, General Missionary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D. :

The following is a tabulated report of my work as General Missionary from May 30, 1887, to June 4, 1888 :

PLACES SERVED OR VISITED.		Sunday Services.	Services or visits week days.	Holy Communion	Largest number communions.	Baptized adults.	Baptized children.	Confirmed.	Offerings for Diocesan Missions.	Offerings for General Missions.
Advance.....		5	3	1	1	1	1	1	0 29	
Charlevoix.....		10	2	1	15	17	16	8	14 90	\$ 1 13
Charlotte.....		9	2	1	21	4	6	7	12 63	1 85
East Jordan.....		6		4	14		1		12 70	
Greenville.....		12		4	19	1	0		13 14	
Holland.....			2							
Howard City.....				2	9				8 37	2 00
Kalkaska.....		4		2					1 40	
Ludington.....		2	1	2	12	3	8	9	9 15	1 38
Luther.....		3	2	2	13				8 08	
Newaygo.....		5	2	2	14				4 13	4 00
Paw Paw.....		4		2	17				7 90	
Pentwater.....		6		2	0				3 36	
Rookford.....		4		2						
Sheridan.....		1	1		1					
Stanton.....		9		5	13				20 45	2 03
Trufant.....		2								
Total.....		80	23	17	25	44	45	8	122 21	\$13 09

*One of which a marriage.

†One of which a funeral.

‡Includes two services at Mt. Pleasant and two at Muskegon.

§Includes once at Boyne City, once at Mancelona and once at Manton.

||Includes private communion, once at Decatur and once at Mt. Pleasant.

APPENDIX "E."

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Right Reverend, the Bishop, and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions reports for the year from June 1, 1887, to June 1, 1888, twenty-two Missionary boxes valued at \$440.75, and \$360.41 cash disbursed from seventeen Parishes and Missions, as follows:

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.	Number.	Value of boxes.		Cash.		
		Diocesan.	Domestic.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	1	\$14 00	\$ 7 12		\$20 20	
Battle Creek, St. Thomas.....	1	6 69		\$16 00	17 82	\$ 5 20
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's.....	1		5 60		7 00	
Coldwater, St. Mark's.....	2	20 00	25 00		16 66	5 10
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	3	83 66	18 70	5 00	55 00	15 00
Greenville, St. Paul's.....	1			2 50		
Grand Haven, St. John's.....	1		10 00		3 15	
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	3	10 00	20 75		17 30	15 00
Ionia, St. John's.....	3	6 06	4 00		4 24	10 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	3	17 00	117 13	10 00	50 00	12 50
Marshall, Trinity.....	2		50 00	10 00	20 00	5 25
Muskegon, St. Paul's.....	1			10 00	2 34	
Niles, Trinity.....	1		16 70		7 00	1 50
Pentwater, St. James.....	1				8 20	3 50
Stanton.....	1			1 75		
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	1				1 50	
Traverse City, Grace.....	1				1 65	

Total number of Boxes, 22.

Total Cash and Boxes, \$801.79.

\$25 cash for Domestic Missions has been sent to 22 Bible House, New York, to pay the salary of Mrs. Mary E. Miles, Missionary among the colored people at Clover Depot, Halifax County, Virginia, and \$40 Foreign Missions, to pay the scholarship in St. Margaret's School, Tokio, Japan.

RECEIVED FOR EXPENSES.

From Diocesan Board of Missions.....	\$10 00
Ionia, St. John's.....	1 00
Marshall, Trinity.....	4 00
Grand Haven, St. John's.....	1 00
Hastings, Emanuel.....	1 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas.....	2 00

Greenville, St. Paul's.....	2 00
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	2 00
Muskegon, St. Paul's.....	2 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	2 00

Total received for expenses.....\$27 00

CONTRA.

Expenses for Annual Meeting.....	\$12 00
Stationary and postage.....	10 00
Blank Book.....	64
Express.....	40

Total paid out.\$23 04

On hand.....\$ 3 96.

JULIA M. HADLEY, Secretary.

APPENDIX "F."

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

REPORT OF REV. A. W. MANN, GENERAL MISSIONARY TO DEAF-MUTES.

To the Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

During the conventional year just closed I held services for Deaf-Mutes at St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids; St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek; St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids; St. John's Church, Ionia; St. Paul's Church, Muskegon; and St. John's Church, Mount Pleasant; with good congregations, despite the distance that most Deaf-Mutes live from Church. For instance, the congregation at Mount Pleasant was made up of persons living five to seventeen miles away.

Baptisms:—St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, 3, (1 from Nunica); St. John's Church, Ionia, 1; St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, 1. Three of the pupils of the Michigan Institution, who were baptized at St. Paul's Church, Flint, belong to this Diocese. They reside at Augusta, Reed City and Battle Creek.

Confirmations:—None have been confirmed in the Diocese, although there are several candidates. Three, who were confirmed by Bishop Harris at St. Paul's Church, Flint, belong to Western Michigan. They live at Lyons, Battle Creek and Vicksburg.

Communicants:—St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, 9; St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, 2; St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, 4; St. James' Church, Albion, 6; Charlotte, 1; Vicksburg, 1; Colon, 1; Union City, 1; Lyons, 2; Sherman City, 1; Pulaski, 1; Homer, 1; Leonidas, 1; total, 31.

I have given away Prayer Books and Tracts, whose influence has extended beyond the Deaf-Mute circle. Their hearing relatives and friends have come across them, and thereby learned of the Church and her ways.

As in past years, I have worked in other Dioceses besides this: Pittsburgh, Ohio; Southern Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Chicago, Springfield, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Milwaukee.

I cannot close this report without an expression of hearty thanks to the Presidents and General Managers of the Railway Lines of Michigan for their generous aid of the work under my charge; and to the brethren of the Clergy who have most kindly furthered my efforts to reach the scattered Deaf-Mutes with the Church's services in their own language.

RECEIPTS.

Stipend.....	\$100 00
Combined Service—Mount Pleasant.....	1 01
“ “ Big Rapids.....	1 53
“ “ Ionia.....	2 13
“ “ Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	21 00
“ “ Muskegon.....	5 50
Mrs. Campbell Fair.....	5 00
Deaf-Mute Services—Grand Rapids.....	4 75

Total.....\$ 40 92
(Signed) A. W. MANN, Missionary to Deaf-Mutes.

REPORT OF ST. MARK'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Of *St. Mark's Home and Hospital*, its original workings and designs, most of the members of this Convention are familiar, and yet there may be those among you unacquainted with the organization. For such as these, we may state the primary intention of its founders was to provide a home and infirmary for the sick and indigent of St. Mark's Church. Hardly had the good work been inaugurated, ere the appeals were so numerous, relief was given necessarily to varied forms of charity, and an enlarged field for systematic work speedily opened. During the fifteen years of this established charity, we have been enabled to have sheltered and provided for nearly three thousand persons. Many of these were helpless children, others were aged and afflicted in mind and body, and it has been our work to contribute to their comfort, and cheer the suffering ones in their "furnaces of living pain." The doors of this institution have always been opened to all worthy applicants, irrespective of creed or color, and, responsively, we have been stimulated in our work of faith by the liberality and encouragement of many kind friends. During the year just closed there have been admitted to the "Home" 239 persons. Of this number 209 have been dismissed, leaving the present number of inmates 32. Of those who paid in whole or part for board there have been 40; chargeable to the city, 47; chargeable to the county, 53; chargeable to C. & W. M. R. R. Co., 1; self-supporting, 32; specifically charitable beneficiaries, 74. Meals and lodgings given at the "Home," 82; number of births, 8; deaths, 13. With one or two exceptions, these were cases of impaired constitutions, chronic diseases, or fatal injuries. Five infants have been provided with good homes through the kindness of our executive committee. Number of Board meetings held during the year, 52, with an average attendance of eleven members.

The Treasurer's report gives the amount of

Cash on hand at the date of previous report	\$1,694 78
Received from all sources during the year.....	3,843 74
Total.....	\$5,538 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Expenses.....	\$2,702 39
Balance on hand.....	2,866 13
Total.....	\$5,568 52

The increasing demands for aid made upon our institution call for additional facilities to meet even present requirements. A munificent gift from the late R. E. Butterworth has provided a very desirable site for a new building, and an additional bequest toward the commencement of said structure; but continued liberality and interest is requisite to further this undertaking, and as the benefits here sought for will be widely dispensed, may we not suggest both your aid and encouragement.

Commemorative of our former revered and beloved Rector, the Rev. J. P. Tustin, D. D., Mrs. Tustin has provided for a Memorial Chapel in this Hospital, which will be designated by this same goodly name, and thus may the hallowed memories we cherish for those we've "loved long since and lost awhile," be perpetuated in

such material expressions of usefulness and comfort to those who shall be sufferers and in want.

We have always been prosperous as an institution, and being under the auspices of St. Mark's Church, are supported by untiring generosity and stimulated by warm and fervent sympathy. With such a foundation, our labors must advance with the demands of our city, as well as in the hearts of the benevolent public.

MRS. B. R. PIERCE, Secretary.

REPORT OF LOCAL SECRETARY OF THE DOMESTIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Total contributed by the Diocese of Western Michigan since September 1, 1887, \$371 09
Congregations not contributing are: Christ Church, Homer; Grace Church, Union City, and Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

The Secretary hopes that all the Parishes will give to this object at least one offering during the year.

(Signed.)

M. S. WOODRUFF, Local Secretary.

See statistical report. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I have caused to be printed and sent to each Rector and Missionary of the Diocese an appeal for Foreign Missions. Also, I have called attention to the day appointed for taking an offering for Foreign Missions; sending to me the amount received.

REV. DR. KNAPP, Local Secretary.

REPORT OF LOCAL SECRETARY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

Received from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan,	\$3 90
“ “ St. John's, Ionia,	1 00

Total,	\$4 00
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ROBT. LYNN, Local Secretary.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—The whole amount contributed by the Diocese to Jewish Missions was \$88.08 from eleven Parishes and Missions.

REPORT OF LOCAL SECRETARY REPRESENTING MISSIONS TO INDIANS AND COLORED PEOPLE.

The Local Secretary representing Missions to Indians and Colored People respectfully reports that at the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting, held at Battle Creek in April of the present year, he urged upon the brethren of the Clergy and Laity then present the great growing need of missionary work among the Indians and the Colored people by our branch of the Catholic Church; and that the need can at present be best supplied by every Parish becoming interested in the work by considering the past neglect and the present

indifference of many toward these people of our land, and by all contributing liberally, and not begrudgingly, to the Missions of the Church for the upbuilding of the Red Man and the Black Man in the things belonging to their present peace and final salvation.

HENRY HUGHES, Local Secretary.

REPORT OF LOCAL SECRETARY FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY.

Since my appointment in May, 1888, as Local Secretary for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry I would report that I have issued the necessary request for contributions to each Clergyman in the Diocese.

That the sum of \$150 has been given to a candidate for Holy Orders by St. Mark's Parish, Grand Rapids, this sum having been handed to the candidate personally.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. S. SOMERVILLE.

Manistee, May, 1888.

REPORT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING AND DIOCESAN CHURCH CONFERENCE.

The Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference has been held twice during the past year, at Ionia and at Battle Creek. They were both well attended.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

The Convocation of Kalamazoo has met twice during the year, once at Benton Harbor, September 20-21, 1887, and once during the session of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, held in Grand Haven, June 5th to 8th, 1888. At the latter meeting the Rev. R. E. Jones was elected President and the Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf Secretary.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Secretary.

The following accounts are appended :

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Treasurer.

In Account with Kalamazoo Convocation.

Sept. 21, '87—By Collections at	Sept. 21—To fares of Clergy...	\$18 40
Benton Harbor	21—To express on books	35
By cash from Bishop.....		
15 00	Total.....	\$18 75
Total.....		\$18 75

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Treasurer.

In Account with Semi-Annals

Nov. '87—Rec'd. from Bishop	Expenses of Clergy at Ionia.	\$ 37 00
at Ionia.....	Printing	1 75
Nov. '87—Offertory at Ionia.	Expenses of Clergy at Kala-	
7 75	mazoo.....	26 82
Feb. '88—Rec'd. from Bishop	Printing.....	1 50
at Kalamazoo.....	Expenses of Clergy at Battle	
25 06	Creek.....	42 80
Feb. '88—Offertory at Kala-	Cash.....	1 98
mazoo.....		
6 00	Total.....	\$111 85
April '88—Rec'd. from Bishop		
at Battle Creek.....		
35 00		
April '88—Offertory at Battle		
Creek.....		
7 80		
Total.....		\$111 85

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF.

REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

The Grand Rapids Convocation has to report that they have had two meetings since the last Convention, one at Pentwater, Aug. 30, 1887, and one during the session of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, at Grand Haven, June 6, 1888. At the latter meeting the Rev. Dr. Knapp was elected President and the Rev. M. S. Woodruff was re-elected Secretary.

The traveling expenses of the Clergy to the meeting at Pentwater were paid in full from the "Bishop's Trust Fund," and including the Offertory, \$4.50, and the amount of \$4 in the hands of the Treasurer at the last Convention. There is no money on hand at the present time.

M. S. WOODRUFF, Local Secretary.

APPENDIX "G."

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

GENTLEMEN:—The Diocesan Library has been increased during the past year to the number of twenty volumes by donation and additions as follows:

1103	{	Bishop White Parish Library Association.
1112		
1113	—Rev. V. Spaulding.	
1114	—Journal of the General Convention, 1886.	
1115	—Mrs. Jones.	
1116	{	New York Book Fund.
1102		

An examination of the Diocesan Library has been made, and it is found to be in good condition. There are a few volumes missing, but effort has been made and will be continued to collect them.

The list of Convention Journals from other Dioceses is complete from the foundation of the Diocese, with the following exceptions:

East Carolina,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Ohio,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1882
Oregon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1886
Washington Territory,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1885

In the report of missing Journals of the Diocesan Conventions no account is taken of those for the year 1887.

There are on hand for distribution duplicate Journals of the Dioceses, Spirit of Missions, copies of the Churchman, Living Church, Church Journal, Our Dioceses, Church Year Book, Pastoral Letter, House of Bishops, '74-'77, General Convention Proceedings, (Churchman Edition), Princeton Review, and American Church Review, subject to no charge except for postage.

REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE. (1887-8.)

1887.					
June 7—Balance on hand from last report	-	-	-	-	\$ 4 65
1888.					
May—Received from T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer.	-	-	-	-	29 00
Total on hand and received,	-	-	-	-	\$33 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

1887.					
Dec. 20—Paid for postal cards and printing same for missing books.					\$ 2 00
1888.					
June 5—Cash on hand,	-	-	-	-	31 65
Total disbursed and on hand,	-	-	-	-	\$33 65
All of which is respectfully submitted.					

C. W. CALKINS, Registrar.

APPENDIX "H."

REPORT OF ABSENT CLERGY.

THE REV. J. E. WALTON.

WEST RIVER, June 26, 1888.

MY DEAR BISHOP:—I supposed that my last letter would have been accepted as my report. It is impossible for me to give anything more than approximate statements, as I have kept no record in my wanderings. Since my report to you on my return from Colorado I have officiated at Rockford, Ill., two Sundays, at Grace Church, Grand Rapids, three months, and for Christ's Church, West River, for the last six months, where I still am. During this time I have attended six burials, administered the Holy Communion twelve times, and preached seventy-five times. My stay here is indefinite. Am waiting only for some one to take my place.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. WALTON.

REPORT OF REV. ARTEMAS WETHERBEE.

GRACE CHURCH, UNION CITY.

Report to March 10, 1889.

A. WETHERBEE, Rector.

Sunday services, 22; Holy Communion, 7; Baptism, infants, 2; marriage, 1.

TRINITY, THREE RIVERS.

Sunday services, 8; Holy Communion, 4.

SCHOOLCRAFT.

Services—Week days, 2; Baptism, infant, 1; burials, 2.

MENDON.

Burial, 1.

VICKSBURG

Burial, 1.

EXPENSES—UNION CITY.

Salary, \$61.50; Parish expenses, estimated, \$10; total, \$71.50.

EXPENSES—THREE RIVERS.

Salary, \$12.

The offerings in both places are included in the above.

A. WETHERBEE.

THE REV. DARIUS BARKER.

DECATUR, June 18, 1888.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

Your postal just received. Mr. Barker wishes me to write to inform you that he has not been able to use a pen for months, owing to increasing blindness, very marked the last year. We are indebted to Mr. Bancroft for a short visit, and Communion administered to our family. Mrs. Lyons, then dying, passed away the next day; a lovely Christian woman and a sincere supporter of our services. It was a comfort to her to hear, as it was a pleasure for our daughter to read to her the service on Sunday afternoons. We have had the same private comfort for ourselves at home all along. We have also received kind remembrances from St. Mark's, Grand Rapids; from Kalamazoo friends, and through Mrs. Joselyn, Niles, (a former friend and parishioner of Mr. Barker's) a package from some of her Baltimore friends. These items may not belong to a statistical report, but are related for your friendly eye. Though infirmities seclude us from the active life of the Church, we are not uninterested.

Please accept our best wishes for all your work.

Truly yours,

REV. D. BARKER.

By Mrs. Barker.

APPENDIX "I."

LAY READERS' REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOMER.

J. M. Bayes:—

I hereby forward to you my application for the renewal of license as Lay Reader.

Since my commission as Lay Reader, dating from Nov. 19th, '87, until April 8th, '88, I have held nine services in the Parish Church which have been fairly well attended.

GRACE CHURCH, LUDINGTON.

W. H. Stanhope:—

I have the honor to report my services as Lay Reader of Grace Church, Ludington, as follows: Commencing from the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27, '87. Assisted the Rector in morning and evening services from that time until Easter except one full service Sunday morning during the absence of the Rector, also assisted him twice during Lent.

"Since Mr. Stanhope's appointment as Lay Reader he has been a very great assistance to me in reading the prayers of the Church morning and evening. I would, therefore, recommend his reappointment. J. B. P."

KALAMAZOO.

Geo. C. Jenner:—

During the past year I have generally read the evening lessons, and frequently the morning. In the Rector's absence I have five times conducted the evening service on Wednesdays and Fridays with sermon, and on one occasion conducted the services of the Church on Sunday with sermon in the evening, the Rector being sick, and for the past eight months have acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School. With great regret that my service has not been more efficient.

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, N. Y.

L. S. Joy:—

I have made use of the Lay Reader's license and have read the Church services three consecutive Sundays at St. Mary's, Manhattanville, for the Rector, Dr. C. C. Adams, who has since died. I have also read service a number of times at St. Michael's Church and St. Michael's annex, a Chapel lately started under the charge of Rev. Dr. Peters, Rector of St. Michael's Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON.

J. B. Murphy:—

I respectfully submit my report of services as Lay Reader in St.

Paul's Church for the year ending at Easter. Have read Morning Prayer and sermon three times, evening prayer once, Litany service three times, assisted the Rector by reading the lessons fourteen times.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALBION, MICH.

H. D. Thomason, M. D.:—

My license as Lay Reader bears date of Dec. 25th, 1887. Since that date to Easter (inclusive) I have read Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon, also evening prayer and sermon every Sunday except the two Sundays you visited the Parish, leaving thirteen Sundays in which I have conducted twenty-six services. Have also held fifteen week-day services, and have catechised the children of the Sunday School fifteen times. The attendance upon the regular Sunday service has generally been satisfactory and encouraging.

CHRIST'S MISSION, CHARLEVOIX.

W. P. Brown:—

I respectfully submit my annual report as Lay Reader. I have read evening prayer in shortened form every Sunday afternoon but four, with instructions to the Sunday School, also the same at my residence every Wednesday evening and "Good Friday" during Lent. Average attendance, Sundays, about fifty, at Lenten services, about forty. The four Sundays in my absence W. A. Brown took the service by virtue of his appointment by you for such occasions.

ST. PAUL'S, MUSKEGON.

L. P. Jocelyn:—

I hereby submit to you my report as Lay Reader of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Mich. I have conducted, or assisted at, four services. I have conducted a Bible class since October, separate from the Sunday School. I have acted as Superintendent in the absence of the Superintendent.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PENTWATER.

Geo. H. Cleveland, M. D.:—

It affords me pleasure to submit a report of acts as Lay Reader for this Mission, extending from Easter, 1887, to the same festival for 1888.

Number of Lay services, forty-eight, of which five were day Lenten services. Average attendance of total services, eighteen.

Total number of Clerical services in this Mission during same period as above, sixteen. Average attendance at same, thirty-three.

Holy Communion has been celebrated six times. I read the burial service on one occasion, and once assisted Rev. J. B. Prichard at morning and evening prayer

TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL.

W. J. Dibble:—

Since the issuance of my license as Lay Reader for Trinity Parish, Marshall, June 10, 1887, I have read morning prayer three times for Sunday services.

APPENDIX "K."

BOARD OF CHARITIES.

To the Members of Conferences, Conventions, Synods, etc., in Michigan:

GENTLEMEN—The State Board of Corrections and Charities desires very respectfully to call your attention to the work with which it is entrusted by the State. This Board, being simply advisory, the members must rely very largely on the acquaintance of their fellow-citizens, with their work and their interest in it, for its efficiency.

The position, gentlemen, you occupy, and your constant intercourse with the people, enables you to afford us valuable co-operation.

The State has most generously provided for the dependent class of her population, as well as having in charge the large number of criminals of both sexes from youth to advanced age.

To make the former provision available, it is very desirable that, especially the institutions for children, should be known in the good care, physical training and educational advantages of their wards, and that the prejudice which results from ignorance should be removed.

To find homes for the destitute, and those youths who have so far benefitted by the influence of a reformatory, that they may be safely returned to society, is a duty to which humanity prompts us, and which will not be pressed in vain on our well-disposed citizens.

Our poor houses and jails need that informal supervision which the observation of the influential and intelligent would secure.

The Board, in its desire to promote reform in our pauper and penal administration, look to the advocacy which it is sure would follow the study of these problems.

We also venture to suggest that the subjects to which we refer and which are occupying the attention of the best minds, may very suitably be introduced into the pulpit and so reach the large body of our intelligent and benevolent men and women.

The favor with which the "Prison Sunday" has met and the results following its observance, make us more ready to offer this suggestion.

The Board tenders the services of its Secretary and the resources of its office in affording information.

We remain very respectfully yours,

CYRUS G. LUCE, Governor, *ex-officio*.

RT. REV. GEO. D. GILLESPIE, Chairman.

JNO. J. WHEELER, Commissioner.

HAL C. WYMAN, M. D., Commissioner.

JAMES M. NEASMOOTH, Commissioner.

L. C. STORRS, Secretary.

FANNY H. FORD, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX "L."

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS—PROPERTY.

PARISHES.	Value of Church.	Value of Rectory.	Value of other property.	Insurance Carried.	Secured Indebtedness.	Floating Indebtedness.	Church Sittings Free.	Church Sittings Rented.	Rectory's Salary.	Property: how held. The Vestry. Trustees of the Association.
Albion, St. James.	\$ 5,000			\$ 3,500			200			Vestry
Allegan, Good Shepherd.	6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,825	5,000	\$ 750	\$ 100 00	250		\$*800	Vestry
Battle Creek, St. Thomas.	24,000	1,800		7,000					*1000	Vestry
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's.	3,800	1,500		3,050	325	82 00	200			Vestry
Coldwater, St. Mark's.	16,500			7,500			125	275	*1000	Vestry
Elk Rapids.	5,381			3,500		300 00	250		1000	Ass'n
Grand Haven, St. John's.	6,000	1,500		3,700	750	278 18			*800	Vestry
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.	65,000	12,000	50,000	26,500	3,000		500	800	*3000	Vestry
Grand Rapids, St. Paul's.	3,000			2,000			250			Vestry
Grand Rapids, Grace.	10,000	2,280		4,500	1,080	150 00	250		*1000	Vestry
Grand Rapids, Trinity.	5,000			3,000			275		1000	Ass'n
Hastings, Emmanuel.	2,500			1,200			160		800	Vestry
Holland, Grace.			650			8 67				Ass'n
Homer, Christ's.	1,500			750			300			Vestry
Ionia, St. John's.	8,100		600	6,500	1,000	196 88	375		1000	Vestry
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.	53,500	6,000		20,200	1,450	2,352 55	700		*1500	Vestry
Ludington, Grace.	3,500		1,100	2,200		20 00	250		150	Vestry
Marshall, Trinity.	12,000	3,400	2,200	9,800			150	300	*1000	Vestry
Muskegon, St. Paul's.	8,100			3,300			250		1350	Vestry
Niles, Trinity.	15,000	1,300		2,500	850	150 00	250	100		Vestry
Paw Paw, St. Mark's.	2,500			1,000			175			Vestry
Saranac, Trinity.	300						200			Vestry
Saugatuck, All Saints.	3,000			2,000			250		700	Vestry
Three Rivers, Trinity.										
Traverse City, Grace.	2,000			1,500			150			Vestry
Union City, Grace.	1,000						350			Vestry
Whitehall, Redeemer.	1,500			1,000			140			Vestry
Total.	265,481	31,280	55,965	130,200	9,205	3,638 28	6000	1475	16700	
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
Baldwin, St. Matthew's.	800	400		850						Ass'n
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.	2,600			1,200			200		200	Trust's
Charlevoix, Christ's.			900		50					Ass'n
Charlotte, Grace.										
Coopersville, Epiphany.	650						100			Ass'n
Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias.										
Evart, St. John's.										
Greenville, St. Paul's.	1,800						250			Ass'n
Harbor Springs, St. John's.	3,000			2,000			150			
Manistee, St. Paul's.			575	150			125			Ass'n
Mt. Pleasant, St. John's.	5,000	3,100		4,500		46 18	100		*850	Ass'n
Newaygo, St. Mark's.	2,800			2,000	500		200			Trust's
Pentwater, St. James.	1,450			800			75			Trust's
Petoskey, Emmanuel.									700	
Quincy, St. John's.	1,200			1,000			100		100	Ass'n
Rockford, St. James.	2,000			1,500	500		150			Ass'n
Stanton, Grace.										
Tustin, St. John's.										
Total.	21,386	3,400	1,675	14,000	2,100		1450		1850	
UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
East Jordan.			75							
Luther.			3 00			20 00				
Grand Total.	\$286,847	\$ 34,680	\$ 58,015	\$144,200	\$ 11,305	\$3704 48	7450	1475	18550	

*Rectory.

REPORT OF SALARIES, CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER ITEMS OF PARISH EXPENDITURE.

PARISHES.	Communion Alms not otherwise re- ported.	Salaries and Cur- rent Expenses.	Increase of Church Property.	Reduction of In- debtedness.	Sunday Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Albion, S. James.		\$ 820 51					\$ 820 51
Allegan, Good Shepherd.	\$ 23 87	1,000 17		\$ 50 00	\$ 20 60		1,193 64
Battie Creek, S. Thomas.	5 00	1,869 90					1,874 90
Big Rapids, S. Andrews.	1 75	975 68	152 58	386 15	24 42		1,540 98
Coldwater, S. Mark's.	47 16	1,375 42			85 58		1,508 16
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.		968 39	11 00	430 41	40 21		1,429 01
Grand Haven, S. John's.		893 00		166 07	100 99		1,160 04
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.	642 47	9,551 03	303 25	4,850 00			14,445 67
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.		353 38			65 70		419 08
Grand Rapids, Grace.		1,333 87	95 00		55 00		1,538 87
Grand Rapids, Trinity.	33 24	1,335 17			21 74		1,390 14
Hastings, Emmanuel.		974 04	32 00		46 73		1,062 77
Holland, Grace.		71 07		2 62	28 77		102 46
Homer, Christ's.		207 50	17 45				224 95
Ionia, S. John's.		877 78	22 84		59 86		980 32
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.	159 02	4,456 72		6,733 00	104 65	\$ 104 14	11,557 53
Ludington, Grace.		243 89	130 00		16 00		389 89
Marshall, Trinity.		1,331 79			19 36		1,351 14
Muskegon, S. Paul's.	38 28	1,827 23		275 00	101 60	554 22	2,791 63
Niles, Trinity.		256 59	30 00	1,129 36			1,415 95
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.		57 84			7 00		64 84
Saranac, Trinity.							
Saugatuck, All Saints.		308 28			26 60		334 88
Three Rivers, Trinity.							
Traverse City, Grace.		166 42		79 98			246 40
Union City, Grace.		94 71					94 71
Whitehall, Redeemer.		59 40					59 40
Total.	\$967 63	\$31,511 56	\$ 777 07	\$14,129 03	\$ 835 50	\$658 36	\$47,768 46
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.							
Baldwin, S. Matthew's.		\$ 104 15				\$ 38 60	\$ 142 75
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.		230 00					230 00
Charlevoix, Christ's.		24 06		\$ 142 00			166 06
Charlotte, Grace.		46 20					46 20
Coopersville, Epiphany.							
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias.							
Evart, S. John's.							
Greenville, S. Paul's.		3 69					31 69
Harbor Springs, S. John's.				6 00	\$ 4 80		10 80
Manistee, S. Paul's.	\$ 7 65	613 31			41 00		661 95
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's.		537 35		50 00	12 33	57 00	642 48
Newaygo, S. Mark's.		161 50	\$ 254 99			40 60	456 49
Pentwater, S. James.		5 36	169 86	12 91	30 88		218 75
Petoskey, Emmanuel.	17 12	779 15	219 04		37 20	94 09	1,146 60
Quincy, S. John's.		114 59	18 25		26 40	13 25	182 40
Rockford, S. James.		4 45					4 45
Stanton, Grace.							
Tustin, S. John's.							
Total.	\$ 24 77	\$ 2,652 56	\$ 661 94	\$ 210 91	\$ 152 31	\$ 252 94	\$ 3,941 52
UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.							
East Jordan.		\$ 2 75	\$ 70 00		\$ 12 79		\$ 85 54
Luther.			217 00		25 19		242 00
Total Unorganized Missions.		\$ 2 75	\$ 287 00		\$ 37 98		\$ 327 73
Total Organized Missions.	\$ 24 77	2,652 56	661 94	\$ 210 91	152 31	\$ 252 94	\$ 3,941 52
Total Parishes.	967 63	31,511 56	777 07	14,129 03	835 50	658 36	47,768 46
Grand Total.	\$992 40	\$34,168 87	\$1,266 91	\$14,339 94	\$1,025 79	\$911 30	\$52,058 61

APPENDIX "L."

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

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Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,825	5,000	\$ 750	\$ 100 00	250		\$*800	Vestry
Battle Creek, St. Thomas.....	24,000	1,800		7,000					*1000	Vestry
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's.....	3,800	1,500		3,050	325	82 00	200			Vestry
Coldwater, St. Mark's.....	10,500			7,500			125	275	*1000	Vestry
Elk Rapids.....	5,381			3,500		300 00	250		*1000	Ass'n
Grand Haven, St. John's.....	6,000	1,500		3,700	750	278 18			*800	Vestry
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	65,000	12,000	50,000	36,500	3,000		500	800	*3000	Vestry
Grand Rapids, St. Paul's.....	3,000			2,000			250			Vestry
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	10,000	2,280		4,500	1,080	150 00	250		*1000	Vestry
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	5,000			2,000					1000	Ass'n
Hustings, Emmanuel.....	2,500			1,200			160		800	Vestry
Holland, Grace.....			650			8 87				Ass'n
Homestead, Christ's.....	1,500			750			300			Vestry
Ionla, St. John's.....	8,100		600	6,500	1,000	196 88	375		1000	Vestry
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	53,500	6,000		20,200	1,450	2,352 55	700		*1500	Vestry
Ludington, Grace.....	3,500		1,100	2,200		20 00	250		150	Vestry
Marshall, Trinity.....	12,000	3,400	2,200	9,800			150	300	*1000	Vestry
Muskegon, St. Paul's.....	8,000			3,300			250		1250	Vestry
Niles, Trinity.....	15,000	1,300		2,500	850	150 00	250	100		Vestry
Paw Paw, St. Mark's.....	2,500			1,000			175			Vestry
Saranac, Trinity.....	300						200			Vestry
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	3,000			2,000			250		700	Vestry
Three Rivers, Trinity.....										
Traverse City, Grace.....	2,000			1,500			150			Vestry
Union City, Grace.....	1,900						250			Vestry
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	1,500			1,000			140			Vestry
Total.....	265,481	31,280	55,965	130,200	9,205	3,638 28	4000	1475	16700	
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
Baldwin, St. Matthew's.....	800	400		850						Ass'n
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.....	2,668			1,200	600		200		200	Trust's
Charlevoix, Christ's.....			900		50					Ass'n
Charlotte, Grace.....										
Coopersville, Epiphany.....	650						100			Ass'n
Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias.....										
Evart, St. John's.....							250			Ass'n
Greenville, St. Paul's.....	1,800						150			
Harbor Springs, St. John's.....	3,000			2,000			125			Ass'n
Manistee, St. Paul's.....			575	150			100			Ass'n
Mt. Pleasant, St. John's.....	5,000	3,100		4,500		46 18	100		*850	Ass'n
Newaygo, St. Mark's.....	2,800			2,000	500		200			Trust's
Pentwater, St. James.....	1,450			800			75			Trust's
Petoskey, Emmanuel.....									700	
Quincy, St. John's.....	1,200			1,000			100		100	Ass'n
Rockford, St. James.....	2,000			1,500	500		150			Ass'n
Stanton, Grace.....										
Tustin, St. John's.....										
Total.....	21,368	3,400	1,675	14,000	2,100		1450		1850	
UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.										
East Jordan.....			75							
Luther.....			3 00			20 00				
Grand Total.....	\$286,847	\$ 34,680	\$ 58,015	\$144,200	\$ 11,305	\$3704 48	7450	1475	18550	

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Big Rapids, S. Andrews.	1 75	975 68	\$ 152 68	886 15	24 42		1,540 98
Coldwater, S. Mark's.	47 10	1,375 42			85 58		1,508 16
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.		968 39	11 00	439 41	40 21		1,429 01
Grand Haven, S. John's.		863 00		166 03	100 99		1,160 04
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.	642 47	9,551 03	303 25	4,850 00			14,445 67
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.		353 38			65 70		419 08
Grand Rapids, Grace.		1,343 87	95 00		55 00		1,588 87
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Paw Paw, S. Mark's.		57 84			7 00		64 84
Saranac, Trinity.							
Saugatuck, All Saints.		303 28			26 00		331 01
Three Rivers, Trinity.							
Traverse City, Grace.		160 42		79 68			240 90
Union City, Grace.		94 71					94 71
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Total,	\$907 63	\$31,511 56	\$ 777 07	\$14,129 03	\$ 835 50	\$658 36	\$47,788 46
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.							
Baldwin, S. Matthew's.		\$ 104 15				\$ 38 60	\$ 142 75
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Charlotte, Grace.		46 20					46 20
Coopersville, Epiphany.							
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias.							
Evart, S. John's.							
Greenville, S. Paul's.		3 60					31 09
Harbor Springs, S. John's.				6 00	\$ 4 80		10 80
Manitowish, S. Paul's.	\$ 7 05	613 31			41 00		661 95
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Total Parishes.	\$907 63	\$31,511 56	\$ 777 07	\$14,129 03	\$ 835 50	\$ 658 36	\$47,788 46
Grand Total,	\$932 40	\$34,168 57	\$1,726 91	\$14,339 94	\$1,025 79	\$911 30	\$52,058 61

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—MEMBERSHIP.

PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.				COMMUNICANTS.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.											
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Confirmed.	Lost.	Present No.		No. who communed during the year.	Marriages.	Burials.	Families.	Total Individuals.	In Parish.	Of these Baptised.	Teachers. Scholars.					
						Male.	Female.								Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Albion, S. James.	1	5	6	1	1	1	75	93	80	2	6	40	200	156	2	3	5	35	40	
Alican, Good Shepherd.	10	1	11	8	23	14	28	127	155	17	14	81	135	356	4	11	34	53	60	
Battle Creek, S. Thomas.	12	3	15	6	3	21	20	85	105	12	8	104	171	158	2	9	26	40	75	
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.	13	8	21	15	8	17	40	25	165	6	12	86	165	342	10	13	15	32	56	
Colwater, S. Mark's.	4	4	8	1	4	10	30	49	46	1	1	3	53	124	4	7	14	43	70	
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.	8	1	9	3	2	6	103	103	103	2	2	60	103	101	3	9	12	20	78	
Grand Haven, S. John's.	37	17	54	20	27	67	230	378	598	24	35	34	538	1938	14	80	94	192	273	
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.	1	1	2	1	6	2	14	65	79	50	4	52	79	105	140	2	10	12	30	40
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.	1	1	2	1	10	2	45	161	210	205	5	2	142	210	423	6	13	19	51	70
Grand Rapids, Grace.	5	5	10	3	16	7	12	40	52	4	5	40	152	250	47	3	10	13	30	41
Grand Rapids, Trinity.	10	8	18	4	10	10	105	105	105	3	3	116	105	115	3	11	14	36	68	
Hastings, Emmanuel.	1	1	2	1	5	9	9	26	35	1	1	26	35	140	100	1	8	9	25	33
Holland, Grace.	3	3	6	3	4	10	31	81	60	1	2	16	31	64	100	3	0	34	71	105
Homer, Christ's.	9	5	14	10	8	9	22	75	97	10	13	29	787	775	131	4	13	19	60	135
Kenia, S. John's.	26	17	43	34	31	72	86	301	387	45	6	47	41	64	84	2	6	8	14	22
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.	9	9	18	9	4	10	8	38	45	5	6	23	47	81	64	4	11	13	45	120
Ludington, Grace.	20	16	36	21	9	26	28	121	149	7	12	130	218	529	400	2	10	12	54	75
Marshall, Trinity.	19	4	23	11	13	31	50	115	115	1	1	110	165	325	300	6	15	35	60	85
Muskegon, S. Paul's.	1	1	2	1	3	2	20	22	22	1	1	22	43	300	5	5	5	8	6	14
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.	1	1	2	1	3	2	20	22	22	1	1	22	43	300	5	5	5	8	6	14
Niles, Trinity.	17	1	18	2	1	4	4	26	33	26	2	4	30	100	75	3	6	9	20	30
Saranac, Trinity.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Saugatuck, All Saints.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Three Rivers, Trinity.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Traverse City, Grace.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Union City, Grace.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Whitehall, Redeemer.	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	16	22	1	1	15	22	30	75	3	6	9	20	30
Total Parishes.	207	193	300	102	183	329	604	2109	3040	119	160	1801	3103	6926	5000	76	206	276	832	1280

ORGANIZED MISSIONS:

[illegible]

Total Organized Missions, ..

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

[illegible]

*** Includes Summer Visitors.**

+ Doubtless means the whole number of communions made.

Last year's report.

† Estimated by Secretary, being the same as the number of communicants reported.

Includes a number reported by the Bishop.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.					WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.					TOTALS.		GRAND TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES.	
	DIOCESAN.													
	Dioceſan Miſſions.	Dioceſan Aſſeſſment.	Aged and Infirm Clergy.	Other Objects.	Total for Diocesan Objects.	Domestic and Genl. Miſſions.	Foreign and Genl. Miſſions.	Miſſions to Colored People.	Miſſions to Indians.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of the Dioceſe.	Total from all Womans' Associations.		Total from Sunday Schools.
Albion, S. James,	\$ 820 51	\$ 10 37	\$ 13 09	\$ 8 00	\$ 10 57	\$ 10 21 8	\$ 13 10 8	\$ 22 12 8	\$ 8 05 8	\$ 2 26 8	\$ 36 74	\$ 250 00	\$ 89 94	\$ 130 88
Alegan, Good Shepherd,	1,171 67	44 95	59 34	13 33	1,275 34	23 78	11 75	17 00			52 53	162 82	39 90	1,372 96
Battle Creek, S. Thomas,	1,277 90	59 34	13 33		1,350 57	53 78	5 43				59 21	162 82	39 90	1,534 17
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's,	1,540 98	33 32	5 10	1 65	1,581 05	5 62	5 43			5 40	16 75	647 24	239 41	1,848 21
Big Rapids, S. Mark's,	1,508 16	68 28	14 00		1,590 44	24 33	13 01	18 08	7 00	7 58	79 17	509 17	122 58	1,765 91
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	1,439 01	39 09	44 00	9 50	1,522 10	9 00				16 61	25 61	115 21	45 21	1,582 43
Grand Haven, S. John's,	1,160 04	5 60	83 71		1,249 35	20 46	67 17	50 00		708 66	137 99	211 97	100 98	1,575 90
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	15,346 75	709 61	331 42	100 00	16,487 78	485 16	4 55				8 25	*3,647 89	560 00	21,069 71
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's,	418 68	15 10			433 78	3 70						94 47	65 70	442 58
Grand Rapids, Grace,	1,313 87	59 60	6 77		1,379 24	87 61	28 69	5 12			5 12	82 28	21 74	1,455 47
Grand Rapids, Trinity,	1,360 14	12 85			1,373 00							411 95	416 15	1,790 76
Hastings, Emmanuel,	1,062 77	73 70	8 92		1,144 39					8 92	134 62	108 00	68 77	1,353 21
Holland, Grace,	102 46	23 83			126 29									126 29
Homer, Christ's,	224 95	3 00			227 95									227 95
Ironia, S. John's,	1,582 32	70 53	41 69		1,694 54	16 48	16 81			4 25	36 55	49 59	39 15	1,800 78
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	11,039 92	263 0	290 53		11,593 45	98 44	57 06	4 50	1 50	7 00	168 50	770 00	72 38	11,869 21
Ludington, Grace,	389 81	5 40	8 14		395 35	1 00	6 06			4 85	11 90	105 06	21 00	416 60
Marshall, Trinity,	1,351 14	116 10	65 38		1,532 62	55 14	49 21	11 57	3 55	2 64	121 91	1,158 70	89 22	1,720 20
Muskegon, S. Paul's,	2,791 63	65 27	16 72	18 6	2,972 28	39 62	5 18	5 34	3 00	22 41	75 55	1,158 70	89 22	3,226 18
Niles, Trinity,	1,415 95	14 00			1,430 95							360 60		1,430 95
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,	64 81	4 13	6 64		75 58	3 00	3 00				2 00			79 36
Saranac, Trinity,														
Saugatuck, All Saints,	331 09	15 06	4 64	1 53	352 32	3 89	65		1 10	2 11	8 76	34 00	14 06	448 66
Three Rivers, Trinity,	12 00				12 00									12 00
Traverse City, Grace,	246 90	2 36			249 26									249 26
Union City, Grace,	94 71				94 71									94 71
Whitehall, Redeemer,	56 40	5 00			61 40	1 00								62 40
Total,	\$48,732 53	\$17,20 42	\$1247 40	\$208 10	\$65,556 10	\$894 72	\$53 05	\$133 74	\$24 00	\$402 60	\$2194 41	\$10,254 50	\$1817 76	\$59,007 39

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Baldwin, S. Matthew's,	\$ 142 70	\$ 15 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 11 00	\$ 79 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 145 16
Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity	280 00	88 58	38 58	6 00	4 00	10 00	07 50	10 80	384 00
Charlevoix, Christ's,	166 90	14 90	14 90	86	87	1 73			225 54
Charlotte, Grace,	46 20								62 88
Coopersville, Epiphany,									
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias,									
Evert, S. John's,									
Greenville, S. Paul's,	31 69	32 59	32 59	1 50		1 50		20 00	31 69
Harbor Springs, S. John's,		17 00	17 00	10 82	7 63	22 49			44 89
Manistec, S. Paul's,	691 96	30 00	30 00				109 00		721 96
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's,	642 47						285 22	20 65	642 47
Newaygo, S. Mark's,	456 49						80 00	30 00	424 22
Pentwater, S. James,	218 75	4 24	12 56	10 51	91	\$ 1 17	258 06	42 87	248 33
Petoskey, Emmanuel,	1,146 60	3 40	7 64	10 08	10 08		258 06	22 00	1,174 96
Quincy, S. Emmanuel,	183 00	1 77	6 77	2 28	1 75	1 42	35 00		186 22
Rockford, S. John's,	3 38		3 88	1 02	1 01				7 63
Stanton, Grace,	4 45		20 45						22 48
Tustin, S. John's,									
Total,	\$ 3,631 73	\$ 181 14	\$ 17 56	\$ 6 42	\$ 3 75	\$ 208 87	\$ 50 05	\$ 28 48	\$ 4,230 27
UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.									
East Jordan,	\$ 85 54	\$ 12 63		\$ 12 63	\$ 1 89		\$ 2 50	\$ 12 79	\$ 104 65
Luther,	243 06	9 15		9 15	69			50 19	253 62
Total Unorg'ized Missions,	\$ 328 53	\$ 21 78	\$ 21 78	\$ 2 88	\$ 2 88	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 67 98	\$ 338 27
Total Organized Missions,	3,881 73	181 14	17 56	6 42	3 75	208 87	50 05	28 48	4,230 27
Total Parishes,	44,732 51	1729 42	1247 49	298 10	2280 88	5556 19	894 72	283 06	4,230 27
Grand Total,	\$52,932 79	\$1932 34	\$1265 35	\$304 52	\$2284 63	\$5798 84	\$947 45	\$314 21	\$60,007 80

* Includes other Parochial Associations.
+ Includes balances in hand of Parish Treasurers.

STATISTICS

OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 31st, 1888.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—

Bishop,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Priests,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Deacons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Postulants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ordained to the Priesthood,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lay Readers Licensed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Churches Consecrated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Number of Parishes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Organized Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Unorganized Missions, or places where occasional services are held,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

BAPTISMS—

Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291
Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	456
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	270
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185
No. of Confirmed Persons, (partly estimated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3610
No. of Families reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2118
No. of Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3576
No. of Individuals reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7880
Sunday School Teachers and Officers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	361
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2667

VALUE OF PROPERTY—

Churches and Chapels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$26,847 00
Rectories,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,060 00
Other Property,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,015 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$379,522 00
Total Insurance carried,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$144,200 00
Total Indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,409 48

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES—

Communion Alms, (not otherwise reported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 982 40
Salaries and Current Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,106 87
Increase in Church Property,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,726 01

Reduction in Indebtedness,	-	-	-	-	14,339 94
Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	-	1,025 79
Other Objects,	-	-	-	-	911 30
					<hr/> \$53,163 21

FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS--

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,932 34
Diocesan Assessment,	-	-	-	-	1,265 35
Aged and Infirm Clergy,	-	-	-	-	304 52
Other Objects,	-	-	-	-	2,284 63
					<hr/> \$ 5,786 84

FOR OBJECTS OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE--

Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$947 45
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	314 21
Mission to Colored People,	-	-	-	-	188 68
Missions to Indians,	-	-	-	-	24 00
Missions to Jews,	-	-	-	-	88 08
General Clergy Relief,	-	-	-	-	4 07
Church Building Fund Commission,	-	-	-	-	107 22
Various other Objects,	-	-	-	-	655 73
					<hr/> \$ 2,279 20

Total for all purposes,	-	-	-	-	<hr/> \$61,229 34
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CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE SINCE LAST CONVENTION.

The Rev. E. D. Irvine has become Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

The Rev. M. S. Woodruff has resigned S. Andrew's, Big Rapids, to accept a call in the Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. J. S. Large has terminated his temporary engagement at Hastings.

Mr. Orr Shurtz has been licensed as Lay Reader for Grace Mission, Charlotte.

ERRATA.

On page 44, in the account of the "Bishop's Trust Fund," the total of credits is not given. It should be \$393.41.

On page 117, in report of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, the amount given by the Sunday School, "for objects not otherwise specified" is evidently an error, as only \$500 is shown among the Receipts and the Diocese has not received any such sum.

In the reports from "Organized Missions," the title of "Missionary" should be appended to the name instead of Rector in all cases where it is not so given.

TIMES FOR COLLECTIONS.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese to make a collection for Diocesan Missions once a month, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese quarterly.—Canon XIX., Sec. 4.

THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, ETC.

It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day.—Canon XIV., Sec. 1.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

First, or some other Sunday in Advent.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

INDIAN MISSIONS AND MISSIONS TO COLORED PEOPLE.

Fourth Sunday after Easter. Recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY.

The Sunday after the Ember days, after the 14th of September.

THE CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF MUTES.

The 12th Sunday after Trinity. (The request of the Society.)

THE AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMISSION.

The second Sunday in November. (The request of the Commission.)

"The Ministers of this Church shall also diligently instruct all in their cures concerning the Missionary work of the Church at home and abroad, and offer suitable opportunities for contributions from time to time for the maintenance of that work."—Title 1, Canon XIV. Sec. 3.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan will be held in
S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, commencing on
Tuesday, June 4th, A. D. 1888, at half past 7 P. M.

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

A FORM OF BEQUEST

TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, a Body Corporate under the Laws of the State of Michigan, and empowered to receive and hold any property, real or personal, for the use and benefit of said Diocese.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum of.....dollars for

- (a.) The uses and purposes of said Association: or,
- (b.) For the uses of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy: or
- (c.) For the use of the Episcopal Fund of said Diocese: or,
- (d.) For the Missions of the Diocese: or,
- (e.) For the Rectory Building Fund, or for any other specific use of the Diocese: or,
- (f.) For.....Parish....., the annual proceeds thereof to be devoted to the support of the Rector, or to the repairs of the Church; or to any other Parochial object specified.



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Committees to Report at the next Convention.

Committee on Canons—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D., Mr. Wm. B. Williams, and Mr. A. J. Mills.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, Rev. Abner L. Frazer, Jr., Rev. N. S. Boardman, Mr. A. C. Torrey, Mr. Harry P. Woodward, and Mr. C. R. Wilkes.

CHANGES SINCE CONVENTION.

The Rev. R. H. F. Gairdner has accepted the charge of Trinity Church, Niles, entering on his duties September 1, 1889.

Mr. Addison McElcheran appointed Lay Reader of S. Paul's, Elk Rapids, July 24.

Rev. S. H. Woodford resigned charge of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, taking effect at once.

August 27, Letter Dimissory issued to Rev. F. W. White to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Washington.

Rev. W. W. VanAntwerp, D. D., will enter on his duties as second General Missionary Sept. 1, 1889.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS.

TITLE I.—CANON 14.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§1. [[1.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect :

We, the Church Wardens. (or in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens,) to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop), or to the Rev., (naming the President of the Standing Committee,) that (naming the person,) has been duly chosen Rector, (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be,) of (naming the Parish or Church.)

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The *date* of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§11. No Minister removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another shall officiate as the Rector, or Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following :

I do hereby certify that the Rev. A.— B— has been Canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a Minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON 12.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§1. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive her or him as a Communicant until such shall be produced.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CANON X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Church becomes vacant it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

Sec. 2. Prior to the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall inform the Bishop of the name and residence of the person they propose to elect; and it shall be unlawful for the Parish or Vestry to take action on any name until the receipt of the Bishop's acknowledgment of such notification and of his accompanying suggestions, if there be any: Provided he be at the time within the territory of the United States, and that his reply be not deferred longer than thirty days after the receipt of such notification. On the election of a Minister they shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, a notice of the same; and if the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, if the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen be a qualified Minister of the Church, and accepts the same, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book for that purpose, and such record shall be legal evidence of the certified relationship between the Minister and the Parish. If, after the expiration of six months, the Vestry of a Church which has become vacant shall fail to call or settle a Minister, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to appoint one, and he shall notify the Vestry of such appointment, and upon their concurrence, the Minister so appointed shall become Rector of the Church.

Sec. 3. The Bishop may appoint Clergy in the Diocese or others who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches, thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

AMENDMENTS adopted by the Convention of 1889 at Battle Creek:

CANON xx.—Sec. 7 was amended by adding to it the following: "and in giving written notice to the Bishop and obtaining his consent to such change."

A new section was added, numbered 8, as follows:

"No Mission shall place itself under the charge, permanent or temporary, of any Minister without the consent of the Bishop."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the suggestion of the Bishop in respect to the offerings at the Episcopal visitations be adopted, and that such offerings, after the Bishop's traveling expenses have been deducted, be hereafter devoted to a Bishop's Trust Fund.

Resolved, That a committee of five Laymen shall be appointed by the Chairman of this Convention, whose duty it shall be to take immediate action for the purpose of raising ten thousand dollars for the Episcopal Fund, and thereby secure the additional five thousand dollars which have already been pledged to the Treasurer of the Association.

The following gentlemen constitute the Committee: Messrs. Wm. R. Shelby, N. P. Loveridge, Wm. J. Dibble, A. J. Mills, H. H. Noble.

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Diocese of Western Michigan,

A. D. 1889.

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A LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE.

The RT. REV. GEORGE DENORMANDIE GILLESPIE, D. D.

Consecrated February 24th, 1875.

NAME.	RECEIVED.	FROM WHAT DIOCESE.
The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, - -	Sept. 19, 1865	Ord'n, Michigan.
The Rev. Darius Barker, - -	1866	
The Rev. Mosely Morris, - -	1869	
The Rev. Joseph B. Pritchard,	Dec. 17, 1870	Wisconsin.
The Rev. Charles R. Huson, -	1871	
The Rev. Joseph S. Large, - -	May 30, 1873	Indiana.
The Rev. Robert Ellis Jones, -	May 20, 1884	Massachusetts.
The Rev. John Newton Rippey, M. D.	Nov. 30, 1884	Southern Ohio.
The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.	Feb. 17, 1885	Quincy.
The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, - -	Feb. 20, 1885	Vermont.
The Rev. William Morrall, - -	June 22, 1885	Pittsburg.
The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, -	Nov. 30, 1885	North Dakota.
The Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.	Sept. 6, 1886	Colorado.
The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.	Nov. 20, 1886	Maryland.
The Rev. Henry Hughes, - -	Sept. 6, 1889	Michigan.
The Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, -	April 11, 1887	Chicago.
The Rev. Charles T. Stout, - -	Sept. 29, 1887	Ohio.
The Rev. Henry E. S. Somerville,	Nov. 26, 1887	Iowa.
The Rev. Woodford P. Law, - -	Nov. 26, 1887	Iowa.
The Rev. Albert E. Wells, - -	April 3, 1888	Nebraska.
The Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Ph. D.	April 17, 1888	Central New York
The Rev. Normand S. Boardman,	May 30, 1888	Connecticut.
The Rev. E. D. Irvine, - -	Oct. 12, 1888	Pittsburg.
The Rev. Abner L. Fraser, Jr. -	Oct. 10, 1888	Southern Ohio.
The Rev. F. W. White, - -	Dec. 8, 1888	Pittsburg.
The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, - -	Dec. 18, 1888	Springfield.
The Rev. W. Ball Wright, - -	March 28, '89	Dublin, Ireland.
The Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D. -	March 18, '89	Springfield.
The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt,	May 22, 1889	Indiana.

THE CONVOCATIONS.

KALAMAZOO—Rev. A. P. GREENLEAF, Battle Creek, Secretary.
GRAND RAPIDS—Rev. CHAS. T. STOUT, Petoskey, Secretary.

List of Parishes, and when admitted to the Convention, and of Missions and of their date of organization.

KALAMAZOO CONVOCATION.—Population about 350,000.

PARISHES.

Albion, S. James'.....	Admitted 1840
Allegan, *Good Shepherd.....	" 1860
Battle Creek, *S. Thomas'.....	" 1842
Coldwater, †S. Mark's.....	" 1848
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	" 1864
Homer, Christ's.....	" 1841
Kalamazoo, *†S. Luke's.....	" 1838
Marshall, *Trinity.....	" 1836
Niles, *Trinity.....	" 1834
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	" 1851
Saugatuck, All Saints'.....	" 1869
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	" 1864
Union City, Grace.....	" 1865

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity.....	Organized 1882
Charlotte, Grace.....	Reorganized 1888
Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias'.....	Organized 1876
Quincy, S. John's.....	" 1882

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Mendon, Otsego, Sturgis, Schoolcraft.

GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.—Population (about) 500,000.

PARISHES

Big Rapids, *S. Andrews.....	Admitted 1873
Elk Rapids, *S. Paul's.....	" 1871
Grand Haven, *S. John's.....	" 1886
Grand Rapids, *†S. Mark's.....	" 1836
" " S. Paul's.....	" 1872
" " *Grace.....	" 1879
" " Trinity.....	" 1886
Holland, Grace.....	" 1868
Ionia, †S. John's.....	" 1841
Ludington, Grace.....	" 1883
Muskegon, †S. Paul's.....	" 1867

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Manistee, Holy Trinity.....	"	1889
Saranac, Trinity.....	"	1890
Traverse City, Grace.....	"	1877
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	"	1870

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Baldwin, *S. Matthew's.....	Organized	1879
Coopersville, Epiphany.....	"	1877
Charlevoix, Christ's.....	"	1887
Ewart, S. Paul's.....	"	1876
Greenville, S. Paul's.....	"	1881
Harbor Springs, S. John's.....	"	1883
Mt. Pleasant, *S. John's.....	"	1886
Newaygo, S. Mark's.....	"	1876
Pentwater, S. James'.....	"	1877
Petoskey, Emmanuel.....	"	1887
Rockford, S. James'.....	"	1-80
Stanton, Grace.....	"	1887
Tustin, S. John's.....	"	.....
East Jordan, Redeemer.....	"	1889

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Advance, Howard City, Kalkaska, Luther, Morley, Manton, Mancelona, Reed City, Sparta.

TOTAL—Parishes, 28; Organized Missions, 13; whole number of places where services are held, 59.

‡Has a rectory. †Has both Church and Chapel.



A LIST OF THE CLERGY

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

JUNE 4, 1889.

Those marked * were not entitled to seats in the Convention—Constitution.
ART. VI. Those in *Italics* were not present.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated St. Matthias' Day, February 24, A. D. 1875.) Episcopal residence Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Bancroft, Joseph W., General Missionary, Hastings.

*Boardman, Normand Smith, Missionary, S. John's Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Darius Barker, P. O. Olivet.

Eastman, G. C. V., D. D., Missionary, Holy Trinity Mission, Benton Harbor.

Fair, Campbell, D. D., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Fraser, Abner L., Jr., Assistant Minister of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Greenleaf, Rev. Arthur P., M. A., Rector S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

*Hall, A. Kinney, Rector S. James' Church Albion, and Christ's Church, Homer.
P. O. Albion.

Hughes, Henry, Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, and Missionary at Quincy.

*Huson, Charles R., P. O. Coldwater.

Irvine, Edward D., A. M., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

Jones, Robert Ellis, Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Knapp, Theodore J., D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

Large, Joseph S., officiating at Ionia.

Law, Woodford P., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Morris, Mosely, P. O. Kalamazoo.

Morrall, William, Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

Prichard, Joseph B., Missionary, S. John's Church, Ludington.

Ripley, John N., M. D., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

*Roosevelt, Sherwood, Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

Somerville, H. E. S., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Manistee.

Stout, Charles T., Missionary, Eminent Mission, Petoskey.

*Thrall, S. Chipman, D. D., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, and
Taylor, J. Rice, [Grace Church, Traverse City.]

Wells, Albert E., Rector of All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.

Wilkinson, James E., Ph. D., Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.

*Wright, W. Ball, M. A., Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

White, Frederick W.

Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Mann, A. W., General Missionary to Deaf Mutes, P. O. Cleveland, Ohio.

SUMMARY.

Number canonically resident:

Bishop,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Priests,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Deacons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30

IN SIMPLICITY AND GODLY SINCERITY.

In Memoriam



Robert Lynn,

Born in Yonkers, New York, May 29, A. D. 1854.

Hobart College, 1878-1882. Nashotah Hall, 1878.

Ordered Deacon by Bishop Harris, in S. Paul's Church,
Detroit, July 2, 1882.

Ordered Priest by Bishop Harris, in S. Paul's Church,
Detroit, September 2, 1883.

Rector of Trinity Church, Hudson, Michigan, 1882-1887.

Rector of S. John's Church, Ionia, Michigan, 1887-1889.

Entered into rest at Ionia, March 19, A. D. 1889.

Burial at Pontiac, March 21, A. D. 1889.

"We all respected and trusted him, we saw into his integrity, we felt the calm yet deep sincerity of his soul toward God and man. We knew his cheerful, hopeful work was in the love of it, and in the abiding trust he had in Him who had put him into the Ministry."

—Bishop's Convention Address, 1889.

FINISHED HIS COURSE IN FAITH.

YE THAT BELIEVETH SHALL NOT MAKE HASTE.

HONORABLE AGE IS NOT MEASURED BY NUMBER OF YEARS.

JOURNAL.

S. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATTLE CREEK, }
JUNE 4th, 1889. }

THE Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan and Lay Delegates-elect to the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, assembled in S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening and were bid to silent prayer by the Bishop.

The Secretary read Article VI. of the Constitution.

The roll of the Clergy was called and fifteen responded to their names, as follows.

Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D.

Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D.

Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.

Rev. A. L. Frazer, Jr.

Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, M. A.

Rev. Henry Hughes.

Rev. E. D. Irvine.

Rev. Robt. E. Jones.

Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D.

Rev. Woodford P. Law.

Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.

Rev. Albert E. Wells.

Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Ph. D.

Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.

The credentials of the Lay Delegates were presented.

The Rev. Messrs. Woodford P. Law and A. L. Frazer, Jr., were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Recess was taken

The Bishop was assisted in the Evening Prayer by the Rev. James B. Meade, the Rev. A. L. Frazer, Jr., the Rev. Woodford P. Law, the Rev. E. D. Irvine, and the Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt.

The Convention came to order, and the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials made the following

REPORT.

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the certificates of the following Lay Delegates, find the same in due form.

Allegan, Good Shepherd—*D. J. Arnold,
W. B. Williams,
C. R. Wilkes.

Big Rapids, S. Andrew's—Calvin W. Nottingham,
*A. Larter.

Battle Creek, S. Thomas'—Charles F. Bock,
George Willard,
Hiram M. Allen.

Coldwater, S. Mark's—Noah P. Loveridge,
Moses Smith,
Harry P. Woodward.

Elk Rapids, S. Paul's—Horatio B. Lewis.

Grand Haven, S. John's—George D. Sanford,
N. I. Beaudry,
*John McFie.

Grand Rapids, S. Marks—Fred. A. Gorham,
*Charles W. Calkins,
Wm. R. Shelby.

Grand Rapids, Grace Church—*Samuel L. Fuller,
 William H. Raiguel,
 Henry H. Snell.
 Alternate—Andrew B. Coffinberry.

Hastings, Emmanuel—D. G. Robinson,
 *C. H. VanArman,
 *D. S. Goodyear.

Ionia, S. John's—Robert H. Bedford,
 *James Vosper.
 Alternate—E. T. Montgomery.

Kalamazoo, S. Luke's—Theodore P. Sheldon,
 *J. Davidson Burns,
 A. J. Mills.

Ludington, Grace—*Wm. H. Phillips,
 *Wm. Foy,
 *E. D. Leaton.

Marshall, Trinity—Wm. J. Dibble,
 James W. Wood,
 James M. Parsons.

Muskegon, S. Paul's—*J. B. Murphy,
 *E. G. Rote,
 *S. S. Morris.

Saugatuck, All Saints'—*Alfred B. Taylor,
 *John Priest,
 *Damon A. Winslow.

MISSION.

Charlotte, Grace—Orr Shurtz.

The Bishop then solemnly announced that the Fifteenth Annual Convention was duly opened for business: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Those marked with a star were not present.

The election of Secretary being in order, the Rev. A. E. Wells and Mr. George D. Sanford were appointed tellers.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	24
Necessary to a choice.....	13
Rev. J. N. Rippey received.....	23
Rev. Henry Hughes "	1

Rev. J. N. Rippey was declared elected.

The Secretary appointed Mr. Horatio B. Lewis Assistant Secretary. Approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

On motion, the following Clergymen were admitted to seats in this Convention, under Art. VI., Sec. I., of the Constitution:

Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt,
 Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D.,
 Rev. W. Ball Wright, M. A.,
 Rev. A. Kinney Hall.

On motion, all visiting Clergymen and Candidates for Orders were admitted to seats in the Convention. Under this resolution the Rev. James B. Meade and Mr. Charles A. Eaton, Candidate for Orders, took their seats.

The Bishop read his Diary of Visitations. [See appendix.]

The Bishop appointed the following Committees:

On Admitting Parishes into Union with the Diocese—Rev. S. H. Woodford, Rev. W. P. Law, Mr. E. T. Montgomery.

On Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention—Mr. C. E. Bock, Mr. C. W. Nottingham, Dr. E. S. Ellis.

On Report of the Association of the Diocese—Rev. R. E.

Jones, Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D., Mr. Wm. R. Shelby, Mr. James Wood, Mr. C. R. Wilkes.

On Constitution and Canons—Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D., Mr. Wm. B. Williams, Mr. A. J. Mills.

On Church Literature—Rev. E. D. Irvine, Rev. Henry Hughes, Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Mr. George Willard, Mr. Wm. J. Dibble.

On Report of Accounts of Board of Missions—Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Mr. W. K. Gordon, Mr. A. B. Coffinberry, Mr. George D. Sanford.

On Christian Education—Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, Mr. N. P. Loveridge, Mr. Orr Shurtz.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. N. S. Boardman, Mr. N. I. Beaudry, Mr. R. H. Bedford.

The Convention took a recess till half-past eight o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th—8:30 a. m.

The Convention assembled for Morning Prayer. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. J. E. Wilkinson, W. P. Law, W. B. Wright and A. K. Hall.

10:00 a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, being assisted by the Rev. Drs. Fair and Eastman, and the Rev. Messrs. Large and Greenleaf.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. [See appendix.]

The offerings were devoted to the afflicted Parish at Johnstown, Pa.

The Convention took a recess till 1:30 p. m.

1:30 p. m.

The Convention was called to order and opened with Prayer by the Bishop.

The Rolls of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called.

The Committee on Credentials made the following supplemental

REPORT:

The following Missions have presented credentials in proper form:

Quincy, S. John's H. D. Pessell.
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's Charles Thayer.
Manistee, S. Paul's Dr. E. S. Ellis.

WOODFORD P. LAW,
A. L. FRAZER, Jr.,
Committee.

Dr. E. S. Ellis, Hon. Wm. B. Williams and Messrs. C. R. Wilkes, Wm. R. Shelby, Wm. J. Dibble, James M. Parsons and Charles Thayer appeared and took their seats.

Parochial Reports were called for and presented to the Bishop.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to legislation was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Rev. J. N. Rippey, that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to Akeley Institute was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

The Rev. Dr. Fair, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read the following

REPORT.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan [consisting of the Rev. Messrs, J. W. Bancroft, Campbell Fair, D.D.,

J. N. Rippey, M.D., and R. E. Jones, and Messrs. W.R. Shelby, Henry F. Severens and W.J. Stuart, elected by ballot at the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Grand Haven June 5th, 1888, and following days.] respectfully report:

That on Thursday, the 7th day of June, 1888, it organized for business by electing the

Rev. J. W. Bincroft, President, and the
Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Secretary.

During the year meetings have been held as follows:

June 7, 1888, in Grand Haven.

July 9, 1888, in S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

August 27, 1888, in St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

Dec. 10, 1888, " " "

Jan. 8, 1889, " " "

Jan. 9, " " " "

Consent to the Consecration to the Episcopate of the following persons has been given:

The Rev. Geo. McClellan Fiske to the Diocese of Fond-du Lac.

The Rev. Leighton Coleman " " Delaware.

The Rev. Boyd Vincent " " Southern Ohio.

The Rev. Cyrus F. Knight " " Milwaukee.

Appropriations have been made from the Fund for the Relief of Aged Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy.

A recommendation to the Bishop to receive as a candidate for Holy Orders has been made in favor of Mr. Charles A. Eaton.

Dispensations have been granted in the cases of Mr. Martin Damer and Mr. Louis S. Joy, candidates for Holy Orders.

An appointment has been made as follows: Mr. S. S. Morris, of Muskegon, on Board of Missions, in place of Mr. C. B. Mosher, deceased.

A minute " In Memoriam " of the Right Rev. S. S. Harris, Bishop of Michigan, was adopted, spread on the minutes and published in the papers.

CAMPBELL FAIR, Secretary.

On motion, the Report of the Board of Missions was deferred to the evening session.

Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund of the Aged and Infirm Clergy, read his report as follows:

REPORT.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan.

	Dr.	
Cash balance from last year.....	\$	\$ 197 45
“ from St. James', Albion.....	42 59	
“ “ Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	49 95	
“ “ St. Thomas', Battle Creek.....	89 30	
“ “ St. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	46 80	
“ “ St. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	46 70	
“ “ St. Johns, Grand Haven ('83-'84).....	69 72	
“ “ “ “.....	44 65	
“ “ Grace, Grand Rapids.....	69 20	
“ “ St. Mark's, “.....	483 80	
“ “ Trinity, “ ('86-'87).....	12 85	
“ “ Emmanuel, Hastings.....	50 39	
“ “ St. John's, Ionia.....	45 00	
“ “ St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	202 85	
“ “ Grace, Ludington.....	18 70	
“ “ Trinity, Marshall.....	76 69	
“ “ St. Paul's, Muskegon.....	91 35	
“ “ Trinity, Niles.....	19 00	
“ “ St. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	1 00	
“ “ All Saints, Saugatuck.....	15 15	
“ “ Grace, Union City.....	4 75	
“ “ Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.....	1 50	
Total from parishes.....		1472 77
		\$ 1670 25

	Cr.	
By paid on Bishop's salary.....	\$ 1040 00	
“ “ salary of Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	50 00	
“ “ bill for pages, sexton, expressage, postage, &c.....	38 55	
“ “ F. Weller's bill for printing Journals.....	196 76	
“ “ stationery and stamps.....	2 50	
“ “ for printing for Convention.....	5 50	
“ “ engrossing and framing "Vote of Thanks,".....	14 75	
“ “ Rev. C. T. Stout's bill.....	8 00	
	\$1356 06	
Cash in treasury.....	314 19	

June 4th, 1889.

\$ 1670 25

*Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the
Aged and Infirm Clergy.*

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In account with Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the Relief of
Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

1888-1889.	Cash balance from last report.....	\$ 231 88
"	from St. James', Albion.....	3 00
"	" Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	4 33
"	" St. Thomas, Battle Creek.....	13 50
"	" St. Mark's, Coldwater.....	15 00
"	" St. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	9 20
"	" St. John's, Grand Haven.....	3 02
"	" St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	105 51
"	" Trinity, ".....	12 11
"	" Emmanuel, Hastings.....	7 28
"	" St. John's, Ionia.....	11 80
"	" St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	45 00
"	" Grace, Ludington.....	1 98
"	" St. Paul's Mission, Manistee.....	2 12
"	" Trinity, Marshall.....	17 60
"	" St. Paul's, Muskegon.....	7 19
"	" St. James' Mission, Pentwater.....	1 60
"	" St. Johns, Quiney.....	1 55
"	" All Saints, Saugatuck.....	2 10
"	" Mrs. E. McElligot, Manistee.....	1 00
Total offering from Parishes.....		\$ 265 08
Interest on Fry mortgage.....		\$ 17 50
"	Howe ".....	17 50
"	Lindberg ".....	26 50
"	Vine ".....	15 75
"	Ward ".....	80 57
"	Yoe ".....	15 75
"	Price note.....	7 00
"	Starring ".....	35 00
Total from interest.....		\$ 215 57
Paid on Fry mortgage.....		\$250 00
"	Congdon ".....	200 00
"	Yoe ".....	150 00
"	Lindberg ".....	350 00
Total on mortgages paid.....		\$ 950 00
		\$ 1662 03

CONTRA.

By paid stipend to Rev. D. Barker.....	\$ 150 00
" " " J. B. Prichard.....	75 00
" " Mrs. A. C. Lewis.....	100 00
" " George P. Schetky.....	100 00

By paid stipend to Rev. J. W. Bancroft's bill.....	6 56
" " H. B. Lewis' bill.....	7 25
" taxes on Pollard land.....	6 90
" mortgage against D. Hiser.....	350 00
" " " H. E. Congdon.....	350 00
Cash balance on hand.....	516 32
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	\$ 1662 03

List of Securities belonging to the Fund.

Note of Alexander N. Price.....	\$ 100 00
Mortgage against Pamela Pollock.....	210 00
" " Mary E. Howe.....	250 00
" " Benjamin Starring.....	500 00
" " Julius A. Ward.....	576 00
" " H. E. Congdon.....	350 00
" " William Vine.....	225 00
" " D. Hiser.....	350 00
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	\$ 2561 00

The undersigned, Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors by the appointment of the Convention of 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, &c., and find them correct as per statement above.

June 1st, 1889.

HENRY F. SEVERENS.

List of Delinquent Parishes.

TOWNS.	PARISHES.	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89	TOTAL.
Ablon.....	St. James'		\$22.06	\$16.18	\$20.00					\$5.14				\$8.80	\$122.09
Coldwater.....	St. Mark's.....								48.12	\$28.50					76.62
Grand Haven.....	St. John's.....					\$11.00			18.88						61.00
Grand Rapids.....	St. Paul's.....		6.00	\$25.37					\$29.50						157.26
"	Trinity.....								5.40	1.24	1.40	4.83	46.00	61.30	107.30
"	Grace.....												8.69	10.40	29.55
Holland.....	Christ.....								8.88	5.92					19.80
Laington.....	Trinity.....										28.40	70.60		35.00	135.00
Niles.....	St. Mark's.....					15.51	14.00	24.40	24.00					1.00	79.03
Paw Paw.....	Trinity.....	3.50				1.40		12.82	8.10					10	9.20
Saranac.....	All Saints'					6.31	9.02	6.11							20.92
Saugatuck.....	Trinity.....														22.04
Three Rivers.....	Grace.....								45.00		25.25	23.25	17.26	34.50	145.96
Union City.....	Ch. of Redeemer										7.25	19.87	19.62		46.74
Whitehall.....									24.68	1.00		2.00	9.66	1.30	38.64
Total.....															\$1,159.07

The above reports were referred to the Committee on Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention.

Mr. Fred A. Gorham presented and read the following report of the Association of the Diocese for the Conventional Year:

REPORT.

At a meeting of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, held June 4th, its Treasurer was directed to present the following report to this Convention, in compliance with the requirements of the By Laws of said Association:

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 24, 1889.

To the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

Gentlemen—The following report for the year just ending is respectfully submitted, in compliance with the By Laws of the Association:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Amount at date of last report.....	\$ 30,201 75	
Added during year —		
Aug. 16, 1888, Cash from Rev. R. H. Paine, Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md.....	10 00	
May 29, 1889, Cash from Mr. and Mrs. D.....	5,000 00	
May 31, 1889, Demand note, from Mr. and Mrs. S.....	200 00	\$ 5,411 75

Invested as follows:

Episcopal residence.....	\$11,000 00	
Real Estate.....	418 13	
Subscription notes.....	936 00	
Loans secured by mortgage.....	17,127 23	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	5,926 39	\$35,411 75

The cash receipts and disbursements have been—

1888,	RECEIPTS.		
June 5.	Balance from last report.....	\$ 666 39	
Aug. 6.	From Rev. R. H. Paine.....	10 00	
Oct. 10.	From J. J. Adams, on contract.....	100 00	
Dec. 10.	From E. C. Mansfield, payment of mortgage.....	500 00	
1889.			
Jan. 8.	From W. H. Converse, payment of mortgage.....	500 00	
May 29.	From Mr. and Mrs. D.....	5,000 00	\$3,776 39
1889,	DISBURSEMENTS.		
Feb. 12.	Loan to Eugenia A. Gooch.....	\$ 350 00	
April 13.	" " John Dam.....	500 00	
June 3.	Balance, cash in hand.....	5,926 39	\$6,776 39

Your Treasurer regrets that he is not at liberty to disclose the names of the generous friends who have contributed the \$5,000 shown in the foregoing statements. The amount has been given without conditions, except as to the names of the donors. I am authorized to say to the Trustees, in behalf of the same contributors, that an additional five thousand dollars will be paid, in cash, to this fund, at any time within one year when the Trustees shall have secured, for the same fund, a further sum of ten thousand dollars.

The *Income and Disbursements* of this fund have been as follows:

INCOME.

Cash on hand, last report.....	\$	55 85
From interest on loans.....	127	78
" " on notes.....	8	00
Geo. Kendall, Grand Rapids, annual subscription.....	100	00
" rent of Episcopal residence.....	450	00
	\$	1,861 63
To which add amount received from T. P. Sheldon, for assessments.....	1,720	00
	\$	3,581 63

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DISCUSSIONS.

Sept. 1.	For recording dec't for lots at Luther.....	1 00	
1899,			
Jan. 1.	For rents to D'Arcy at residence.....	7 00	
Feb. 12.	For recording George and Eliza.....	1 25	
April 15 "	" " " " " " " "	1 25	
June 3.	" " " " " " " "		
	summary payments to George D. on capital on ac-		
	count of Safety.....	250 00	\$251 10
	Balance cash in hand.....		8 90
	The estimated income for the ensuing year is.....		\$ 260 00

The estimated income for the coming year is \$ 2,200.00

The H₂ values will be:

Balance due on Bishop's salary to May 21, 1896, \$1,200.00

Salary for one year, to MAY 31, '88 \$100.00

Expense for year ending at conversion of 1888 2,000 84,450 00

The Bill is to be introduced by amendment. S. 1111

benefit, to be raised by assessment.....	\$12 000
*The committee on assessment included a lay field in	

The committee of assessment met and deliberated in the Episcopal Hall, last year.

And, under authority conferred by resolution to be

found on page 52 of *Journal of 1888*, called upon

Five of the larger parishes for..... 287 (9)

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1033-1037.

*Phone has been received from the Kingston Township

There has been received from the Diocesan Treasurer

Leaving a shortage of..... \$ 200.00

Had the parishes met their obligations and paid the amounts

by the committee, your Treasurer would have been able to pay all of

of the year.

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PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Amount reported last year.....	\$ 2,810 00	
To which has been added the amount received from Executor of the estate of Mary Chambers, deceased, late of Ann Arbor, Mich.....	1,259 30	\$4,069 30
Invested in mortgage loans.....		\$4,060 00

Receipts and disbursements have been :

RECEIPTS.

1888.			
June 5.	Balance from last report.....	\$ 255 00	
" 18.	To interest on Myers' mortgage.....	10 00	
July 13.	" " Dillenbeck "	4 08	
Aug. 13.	" principal and interest Dillenbeck mortgage	176 20	
Aug. 20.	" " " Dodds	677 12	
Oct. 13.	" cash from estate of Mary Chambers, dec'd.....	1,009 30	
Dec. 4.	" interest on Myers mortgage.....	10 00	
1889.			
Jan. 12.	" " Chamberlain "	75 60	
" "	" " Morgan "	7 00	
March 5.	" " Schregardus "	14 00	\$ 2,238 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug. 13.	Loan to Jantze Schregardus.....	\$ 400 00	
	Recording same.....	1 25	
Sept. 6.	Loan to Asa T. Lovejoy.....	400 00	
1889.	Recording same.....	1 25	
Feb. 1.	Loan to Frank Narregang.....	500 00	
	Recording same.....	1 25	
Feb. 19.	Loan to Geo. G. VanHoutum.....	800 00	
	Recording same.....	1 25	
May 21.	Income paid to D. G. Robinson, Treasurer Board of Missions.....	144 00	2,249 00
	Leaving balance due Treasurer.....		10 70

SUNDRY TRUSTS.

Rectory Building Fund.	Balance per last report.....	\$ 1,561 61	
	May 29, 1889, received for interest.....	46 85	
		1,608 46	
	May 21st, remitted to D. G. Robinson, Treas. Board of Missions, being total income to date.....	208 48	1,400 00
Sturgis.	Balance last report.....	39 68	
	June 16th, '88, received for interest.....	27	39 95
Lyons.	Balance last report.....	180 24	
	June 16th, '88, received for interest.....	1 24	181 48

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Decatur.	Balance last report.....	87 97	
	June 16th, '88, received for interest.....	61	88 58
Charlotte.	Balance last report.....	256 36	
	June 16, '88, received for interest.....	7 70	
	Dec. 31, '88, " ".....	3 96	268 02
	Dec. 31, '88, remitted to O. E. Packard, Treas..	268 02	
Diocesan Library	Balance last report.....	63 41	
Building Fund.	Oct. 6, '88, received for interest.....	1 90	65 31
Baldwin.	Balance, last report.....	38 50	
	Oct. 6, '88, received for interest.....	1 15	
	May 28, '89, received for rents.....	5 00	44 65
Akeley Institute.	Oct. 20, '88, rec'd from Geo. D. Gillespie, subscription of D. Henning, Chicago..	1,000 00	
	Mar. 2, '89, received for interest.....	11 06	
		1,011 06	
	Mar. 2, '89, remitted to Geo. A. Stickney, Treas. for advances on subscription notes.....	250 00	
	April 19, '89, " ".....	250 00	500 00
			511 06
Total amount Trust Funds.....			2,331 06
Invested in mortgage loans.....		200 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....		2,131 05	2,331 05

Detailed Statement of Securities held by the Treasurer of the Association
of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

FOR EPISCOPAL FUND.

Charles L. Moran.....	Mortgage,	6½ per cent.	\$ 5,212 55
Elijah Dart.....	"	7 "	2,000
John Schoppin.....	"	8 "	1,000
Wm. Grummitt.....	"	7 "	1,400
M. Ryan.....	"	8 "	800
John G. Barager.....	"	7 "	800
David A. Moore.....	"	7 "	600
E. P. Goundry.....	"	7 "	524 00
do.	"	7 "	150 00
F. C. Rathbun.....	"	8 "	500
John Dam.....	"	8 "	500
Lucy P. Faunce.....	"	10 "	500
Sylvester Rogers.....	"	8 "	500
James P. Hayes.....	"	8 "	350
E. A. Gooch.....	"	8 "	350
H. L. Birdsall.....	"	8 "	300
M. Maloney.....	"	8 "	300
A. M. Beal.....	"	8 "	250
John Marz.....	"	8 "	225
William Hannon.....	"	8 "	200
Josiah Tibbitts.....	"	8 "	200
L. K. Austin.....	"	8 "	160

James B. Andrews.....	Mortgage,	10 per cent.	150
W. B. Williams.....	"	10 "	55 68
A. M. Bennett.....	"	10 "	100
Geo. Kendall.....	Deed.	Episcopal residence, value, including building (insurance \$5,000, expires June 1, 1890).....	11,000
Jos. J. Adams.....	Contract.	Property at Gr'd Rapids acquired under foreclosure (insurance \$800, expires Oct. 14, 1889).....	528
Sundry persons.....	Subscription.	Notes--good.....	949
do.	"	" worthless.....	1,235 01
Total Episcopal fund.....			\$8,830 24

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

S. S. Chamberlain.....	Mortgage.	7 per cent.	1,080 00
Geo. G. VanHoutum.....	"	" "	800
B. P. Narregang.....	"	8 "	750
A. T. Lovejoy.....	"	7 "	400
J. Schregardus.....	"	7 "	400
C. Myers.....	"	8 "	250
A. Leaverson.....	"	9 "	200
Edrus Hall.....	"	10 "	200
I. H. Morgan.....	"	7 "	250
Total Permanent Missionary Fund.....			4,680 00

PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.

N. R. Peterson, mortgage at 4 per cent, belonging to sundry funds.....	\$ 280 00
Sundry deeds as follows, the value being those shown in Parochial Reports, Journal of 1888:	
Samuel Mowry, land at Quincy.....	3,200
Caroline Snell and Samuel Harris, land at Lywell.....	125
Samuel C. Graham, land at Coopersville.....	670
Sundry persons, land at Eaton Rapids (insurance 700, exp. Apr. 23, 1892)	3,750
Rutan A. Slight, land at Greenville.....	1,800
W. L. Webber, land at Baldwin, (insurance \$100, expires Jan. 30, 1890)	1,200
Southard & Crandall, land at Harbor Springs, (insurance \$200, expires Sept. 15, 1889).....	2,000
Dexter A. Noble, land at FR. Rapids.....	5,000
Richard W. Bagot, lands at GR. Rapids.....	5,000
Wm. Cox and others, land's Grand Rapids Trinity church property.....	5,000
N. McMillan, lands at Rockford, (insurance \$100, expires May 15, 1890)	2,000
Minnie K. Brown, lands at Mount Pleasant, (insurance \$300, expires January 30, 1890).....	5,000
John W. Loomis, land at Pentwater, (insurance \$800, expires April 20, 1890).....	1,450
Maria N. Gremps, lands at Paw Paw.....	2,500
Catherine W. Sprague, lands at Luther.....	300
John Nichols, lands at East Jordan.....	150
Hettie E. Akeley, lands at Grand Haven, estimated value.....	10,000
Total property held in trust.....	\$41,475 00

F. A. CORHAM, Treasurer.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 3, 1889.

The undersigned, Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors by appointment of the Convention of 1876, (page 39 Journal of 1876), do hereby certify that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, as set forth in the foregoing list and find them correct as stated therein.

W. R. SHELBY,

W. J. STUART.

The subjoined letter from the Bishop was submitted as part of the report of the Association:

LETTER OF BISHOP GILLESPIE.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., JUNE 4, 1889.

MR. F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer of the Association, etc.

My Dear Sir—I desire through you, to give to the income of the Episcopal fund for the financial year May 24, 1889-1890, the sum of five hundred dollars.

The last convention failed to ratify my action in relinquishing my claim for \$250 for traveling expenses for the year ending at the convention of 1888. I desire that that action on my part shall stand. For the last year the expenses have been generally met by the Parishes and Missions, so that there is no claim to present.

Should the convention approve my suggestion of devoting the offerings of the Episcopal visitation to the Bishop's Trust Fund, the expense for the coming year will be thus defrayed.

My object in making the present gift is:

1. In consideration of the assessment for the General Convention.
2. With reference to the reduction of interest, lessening the income as new investments are made.
3. Having regard to the aid the Diocese must afford to the Akeley Institute if our Diocesan School is to live.

I beg to express, through you, my sense of the liberality and kind feeling of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, in adding voluntarily \$150 to their assessment.

Yours very truly,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

Bishop of Western Michigan.

The report and the letter were referred to the Committee on Report of the Association of the Diocese.

On motion of Mr. Wm. R. Shelby, the rules were suspended and the report of the Committee on the Report of the Associa-

tion was presented and read by the Chairman, the Rev. R. E. Jones:

*Report of Committee on Report of the Treasurer
of the Association.*

The Committee to whom has been referred the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, would respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the report, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it correct. The securities and investments have been examined by a Committee of two Lay members of the Standing Committee, and their certificate is appended thereto.

Your Committee calls special attention to the liberal gifts which have been made to the Episcopal Fund, and to the proposition looking to the further increase of this Fund during the coming year. We offer the following Resolutions and recommend their adoption by this Convention:

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan be directed to extend the sincere and grateful thanks of this Convention to the generous friends of the Diocese who have given so munificently, in time of need, to the fund for the support of the Episcopate.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of five Laymen shall be appointed by the Chairman of this Convention, whose duty it shall be to take immediate action for the purpose of raising ten thousand dollars for the Episcopal Fund, and thereby secure the additional five thousand dollars which have already been pledged to the Treasurer of the Association.

Your Committee also calls attention to the letter from the Bishop of the Diocese which accompanies the report, and in which he donated \$500 to the income of the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year. It appears from the report of the Treasurer of the Association that there is a balance of \$450 due the Bishop for the year ending May 24th, 1889, \$250 of which are for traveling expenses authorized by the Convention of 1887, and \$200 for unpaid salary of the year just ended. To include this amount in the assessments for the coming year, together with the necessary expenses of the Diocese and those required by the coming General Convention, will swell the total to such a sum that the parishes will be utterly unable to pay without withholding aid required by other objects. Your Committee therefore suggests the adoption of the following resolutions:

3. *Resolved*, That the Bishop's generous contribution of \$500 be accepted, and that this Convention express to him its appreciation of his noble and unselfish regard for the interests of the Diocese. The contribution shall be applied, by the Treasurer of the Association, to the payment of the past indebtedness, and the salary of the current year shall be paid in full.

4. *Resolved*, That the suggestion of the Bishop in respect to the offerings at the Episcopal visitations be adopted, and that such offerings, after the Bishop's traveling expenses have been deducted, be hereafter devoted to a Bishop's Trust Fund.

The Committee notes with pleasure the substantial bequest of \$1259.30 to the Permanent Missionary Fund by Mrs. Mary Chambers, deceased, late of Ann Arbor. This fund now amounts to over four thousand dollars, all of which has been received by bequests similar to that already referred to. The income from this fund is a substantial aid to the Board of Missions.

The Committee observes that the list of deeds reported by the Treasurer includes one covering the property at Grand Haven known as the Akeley Institute. As the organization of the Institute is complete, and its Board of Trustees is competent to hold property, we can see no reason for its remaining, in trust, in the hands of the Association. We therefore offer the following resolution :

5. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan be directed to authorize the proper officers of the Association to convey to the Trustees of Akeley Institute the property now held in trust by the Association for said Akeley Institute.

ROBERT E. JONES, Chairman.

T. J. KNAPP, D. D.

W. R. SHELBY.

JAMES WOOD, absent.

JAMES VOSPER, "

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions contained therein were taken up in order.

On motion, Resolution No. 1 was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

On motion, Resolution No. 3 was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, Resolution No. 4 was adopted.

On motion, Resolution No. 5 was adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended to give precedence to the following motion :

On motion of Rev. A. E. Wells, a committee was appointed by the Chair to consider the resolution of Mr. Wm. N. Brown at the bottom of page 60 of the Journal of the last Convention.

The Chair appointed as such committee the Rev. Chas. T. Stout, Mr. James Vosper and Mr. Wm. N. Brown.

Mr. Wm. N. Brown, of the above committee, made the following

REPORT

Of the Committee to whom was referred the various changes and amendments to the Constitution and Canons proposed at the Fourteenth Annual Convention (see page 60 of the Journal), to report to this Convention with such other alterations and changes thereto as in their judgment would promote the welfare and stimulate the church work in the Diocese.

The committee deem it best to briefly call attention to what has been the aim and general policy of the Church in this Diocese, on the most important subject they have to consider in this report, viz: What shall be the relative position or standing of an organized mission in the Diocese as compared with a regularly organized parish? The Diocese itself, from its organization, has only been an organized mission on a large scale, having within its borders but a few parishes in fact, though more in numbers. Under these circumstances, what was to be done? Being a purely missionary Diocese, with but few people and less means, the only thing to be done, in order to stimulate and carry on the work, was to organize missions and put a general missionary in the field, to visit these missions and through them build up the work of the Church, all of which has been done. Under these circumstances, in order to encourage the work among these missions, they have been accorded, from time to time, certain rights and privileges in the Convention. The aim and policy of the Diocese has been to induce the missions to enter into and become a part of the real life of the Diocese; and for this purpose they have been induced to send delegates to the Conventions, and this has given rise to the questions which have been under consideration and discussion for a number of years, and constitute the most important point of this report: What shall be the relative rights and privileges of a Mission, as compared with a Parish, in the Conventions of this Diocese?

Various changes in the Constitution and Canons have at differ-

ent times been proposed and considered, but few, if any, have ever been adopted. The time has now arrived when this important subject should be settled, and settled wisely, as it no doubt will be; and in order to bring the whole subject before you for consideration, your committee recommend the following changes and amendments to the Constitution and Canons.

ARTICLE VI., SECTION 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Strike out all after the word "Missions" in the 4th line, to and including the word "vote," in the 5th line.

After the word "Parish," in the 7th line, add the words, "*or Mission.*" After the word "Parish," in line 18, add the words "*or Mission.*"

ARTICLE VI., SEC. 2.

After the word "Parish," in the first line, add the words "*or Mission.*"

After the word "association," in second line, add "*or organization.*"

After the word "Parish," in line 9, add the words "*or by the officers of a Mission.*"

After the word "vestry," in line 10, add "*or officer of the Mission.*"

ARTICLE VI. SEC. 3.

After the word "Parish," in the first line, add the words "*or Mission.*"

ARTICLE VII.

After the word "Parishes," in line 8, add the words, "*or Missions.*"

After the word "Parish," in line 9, add the words, "*or Mission.*" Also, after the word "Parish" which occurs the second time in line 9, add the words, "*or Mission.*"

ARTICLE IX.

Add the words "*or Mission*" after the word "Vestry," in the 5th line.

Strike out all after the word "convention," in the 8th line, and add the words: "*Provided, That one-half of all who are entitled to vote be present.*"

SECTION 2—CANON III.

After the word "Parish," in first line, add the words "*or Mission.*"

After the word "Parish," in seventh line, Sec. 2, add the words "*or Mission.*"

CANON XXI.

After the word "Parishes," in third line, Sec. 4 (page 62 Journal of 1888), add the words, "*and Missions.*"

After the word "Parish," in fourth line, Sec. 4, add the words, "*or Missions.*"

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Geo. D. Sanford, the report was adopted—ayes 30, nays 8.

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was read by the Chairman, the Rev. N. S. Boardman.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

Your committee, having examined the Journal of 1888, have the following business to report:

ITEM 1. On page 37 of the Journal—Report of Special Committee upon the Restoration of the Primitive Diaconate.

The names of the committeemen are—

Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf,

Rev. J. N. Rippey,

Rev. William Morrall,

Dr. G. H. Cleveland,

Mr. C. W. Calkins.

On pages 60-61 the minutes read: The amendment of Canon 9 was first considered; pending the discussion of which, Mr. Wm. N. Brown offered the following:

ITEM 2. *Resolved*, That that portion of the Bishop's address in reference to incorporating the general statutes of the State into the Canon law of the Diocese be referred to a committee to report

at the next convention; which was adopted. The recommendation of the committee on Canons that the amendment of Art. VI. Sec. 1, of the Constitution be adopted, was under discussion, when the Rev. Henry Hughes offered the following:

Resolved, That the changes proposed in the Constitution, Art. VI., be referred back to the Committee on Canons, to report next year.

ITEM 3. Mr. Wm. N. Brown offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the next Convention the following changes and amendments to the constitution and Canons: That Sec. 2, Art. VI. of the constitution be amended as follows (see page 61), which was adopted.

Either the President did not appoint the committees or the record has been omitted.

ITEM 4. Committee to consider the change of a Mission to a parish:

Rev. Chas. T. Stout,
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf,
Mr. James Vosper,
Mr. Wm. N. Brown.

ITEM 5. On page 78: Report of committee upon contemplated changes in the Prayer Book. Committee:

Rev. Albert E. Wells,
Mr. J. M. Parsons,
Mr. W. J. Stuart.

ITEM 6. On page 79—the last half of the report: “The committee asks for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars to put in the permanent form of an illuminated address the thanks of the Diocese to Mr. and Mrs. AKLEY.”

Respectfully submitted.

N. S. BOARDMAN.
R. H. BEDFORD.
N. I. BEAUDRY.

The report was accepted.

The report was then taken up by items.

The committee on Primitive Diaconate asked further time. Granted.

No committee having been appointed on item No. 2 at the last Convention, there was no report upon the subject.

Item No. 3 having been disposed of by the action on the report of the special committee on the subject, no further action is necessary.

The committee to consider the change of a Mission into a Parish asked for further time. Granted.

The report of the committee on Liturgical Revision was read by the chairman, the Rev. A. E. Wells.

Report of the Committee on Liturgical Revision.

Your committee have examined the eighteen resolutions of the Notification Book of 1886. Of these resolutions they have approved of fourteen. One more meets their approval, but in view of a well-known difficulty they wish to add one to the additional offertory sentences. In principle it is approved.

The I., XV. and XVI. resolutions do not meet their approval. Of these in their order.

The first makes a great many changes. Some are desirable, others not so, and it leaves some things unprovided for; so that, if it cannot be amended, it is judged best to forego the advantages it would give rather than to accept it in its present shape.

The XV. is of the Confirmation office. It is objected to because it does not go far enough. The one presenting the Confirmees does not become responsible or answer as having fulfilled the rubrics that follow the Catechism.

The XVI. purposes to do away with the Selections of Psalms, which at present, with the rubric governing their numbers, are a great convenience. Your committee does not approve of their removal from the Prayer Book.

Your committee offer the following resolutions for the adoption of this Convention:

Resolved, That the proposed alterations of the Prayer Book as made known in resolutions II., III., IV., V., VI., VII., VIII.,

IX., X., XI., XII., XIII., XIV., XVII. and XVIII. of the Notification should be adopted.

Resolved, That the proposed alterations as made known in resolutions I., XV. and XVI. of the Notification should not be adopted, except they are amended.

Resolved, That the Bishop and the Deputies of this Diocese be requested to present to each house of the General Convention copies of the resolutions of this Convention in regard to these subjects.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that it is inexpedient to keep the matter of Prayer Book revision longer open, and that if it be possible an end of the work should be made this year, and the Prayer Book authorized and issued.

Very respectfully,

ALBERT E. WELLS.
W. J. STUART.
J. M. PARSONS.

The report was accepted.

The report giving rise to a good deal of discussion, it was finally, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee appointed on address of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Akeley asked further time. Granted.

On motion of the Rev. E. D. Irvine, the Secretary of the Convention was instructed to telegraph to the Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburg an expression of the sympathy felt by this Diocese for its sister Diocese, bereaved of one of its Clergy and Parishes by the disaster at Johnstown. The following telegram was sent:

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,

June 5th, 1889.

TO BISHOP WHITEHEAD,

Care H. L. Foster, Oil City, Pa.:

Western Michigan sends sincere sympathy to Pittsburg in the loss of the Rector and Parish at Johnstown.

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

The report of the Trustees of Akeley Institute was read by the Secretary of the Board, the Rev. J. N. Rippey.

REPORT.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Akeley Institute begs leave to submit the following report:

After the adjournment of the last Diocesan Convention, a meeting of the trustees nominated at that Convention was called to meet at Grand Rapids, July 3d. A quorum was present. Steps were taken to form Articles of Association. It was decided to open the School in September. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$5,000 necessary to perfect a legal corporation. Other committees were created to take the necessary steps to perfect the organization of the School. Another meeting was called for July 16th, but failed of a quorum. A local committee was informally appointed, with special reference to the selection of a Principal. This committee met in Grand Haven July 24. Mrs. Wilkinson was selected as Principal and Mr. Wilkinson as Rector of the School. Mr. T. A. Parish was recognized as temporary Treasurer.

The School opened September 12th with eleven boarders, and had a total enrollment of fifty pupils during the first term. With this encouragement, the work has steadily progressed until the number of boarders during the year has been sixteen and the whole number in attendance fifty-nine.

The School was formally opened by the Bishop. Other clergy and a large number of prominent and interested citizens of Grand Haven were also present.

The confidence placed in the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson has increased during the year, so that at a meeting of the Trustees held on the 13th of May they were intrusted with the management of the Institute for three years. At this meeting, the first held under the Articles of Association, officers were elected and an Executive Committee appointed to serve till the first annual meeting on the first Tuesday in July. Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D., was elected President; Mr. Wm. Savidge, Vice President; Mr. Geo. Stickney, Treasurer; and Rev. J. N. Rippey, Secretary. The Executive Committee consists of the Bishop, Mr. Dwight Cutler and the Rev. J. N. Rippey.

This Convention will be asked to nominate twenty persons from whom the present Board of Trustees are to select the Trustees to serve for the ensuing year.

The subjoined statement of moneys received will show the work in the direction of fitting and furnishing the Institute:

Dwight Cutler.....	10.00	Clement Wakelee..	25	Grace McDonald..	1
Wm. Savidge	1000	Mrs C. T. Stout... ..	10	St. Andrews, Ann	
Geo. D. Gillespie..	500	C. F. Bock.....	25	Arbor.....	9 67
N. P. Loveridge ...	250	E. F. Sweet.....	30	Mrs Ward.....	5
D. Scotten.....	250	Miss Bebecca Hen-		Mrs M. P. Gillespie	100
George Kendall ...	100	riquez.....	5	St. Thomas', N.Y.	50
Mrs L. M. Palmer..	15	Mary P. Robinson	2	St. Andrew's, Ann	
Churchwoman	95	H.G. Reynolds &wf	100	Arbor.....	2
Churchwoman	5	Mrs. Isadore M.		Mrs Fox.....	50
Rev. J. W. Bancroft	30	Ryan.....	5		
Mrs. Williams	5	W. N. Brown.....	250		
		E. F. Sweet.....	250		
		S.S. Ch. Transfigu-			
		ration, Phila ..	36 48		
Total.....				\$4186 15	

ENDOWMENT FUND.

D. Henning, Chicago.....	\$1,000 00
N. P. Loveridge, Coldwater.....	250 00
E. F. Sweet, Grand Rapids.....	250 00
W. N. Brown, Mount Pleasant.....	250 00
Total	\$1,750 00

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. George Stickney, will give added information.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. RIPPEY.

Clerk of Board of Trustees.

The report was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

The Committee on Change of a Mission into a Parish made the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Change from a Mission to a Parish, beg leave to report—

That they recommend the following amendment to Section 7 of Canon XX: After the word "aid," in the last line, add the words, "and on giving written notice to the Bishop, and obtaining his consent to such change."

Signed,

E. T. STOUT,
A. P. GREENLEAF,
WM. N. BROWN,
Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, such portion of the Bishop's Address as refers to the late Rev. Robert Lynn, was adopted by this Convention as a Memorial tribute to the honored deceased, and that such Memorial be printed on a separate memorial page of the Journal.

On motion of the Rev. A. E. Wells, this Convention requests the General Convention to take action with regard to Courts of Appeal. Laid on the table.

The report of the Registrar, Mr. C. W. Calkins, was read and accepted.

REPORT.

To the Right Reverend, the Bishop, and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan :

During the past year the Diocesan Library has been increased by donations and additions to the number of thirty-seven (37) volumes, as follows.

1126...	}	.....State of Michigan.
1137...		
1138...	}	.....Mrs. A. T. Twing.
1140...		
1141...	}	.....Publishers.
1142...		
1143...	}	.....Bishop Gillespie.
1151...		
1152.....		New Book Fund.
1153.....		Bishop Gillespie.
1154.....		Publishers.
1155...	}	.....New Book Fund.
1158...		
1159.....		Mr. —, Ionia.
1160...	}	.....New Book Fund.
1162..		

The list of Convention Journals from other Dioceses is complete from the foundation of this Diocese, with the following exceptions:

Colorado.....	1875
Connecticut.....	1887
East Carolina.....	1886, '87
Georgia.....	1887
Louisiana.....	1885, '86, '87
Minnesota.....	1881
Montana.....	1886, '87
Nebraska.....	1887
North Carolina.....	1886, '87
New Mexico and Arizona.....	1887
North Dakota.....	1885, '86, '87
Ohio.....	1882, '84, '87
Oregon.....	1879
Pennsylvania.....	1887
South Dakota.....	1885, '86, '87
Texas.....	1875, '87
Utah and Idaho.....	1833
Washington.....	1884, '85
Western Texas.....	1879, '80, '81
Wyoming.....	1886, '87

We have on hand for distribution, duplicate copies of Diocesan Journals of certain Dioceses, Spirit of Missions, Churchman, Living Church, Church Journal, Our Diocese, Church Year Book, Pastoral Letter—House of Bishops, 74-77 General Convention Proceedings (Churchman Edition), Princeton Review, and American Church Review, subject to no charge except for postage.

June 5.	Balance from last report.....		\$ 31 65
	DISBURSEMENTS.....		
Dec. 7.	Paid Chilver & Co., binding.....	\$15 55	
April 3.	" " " "	3 00	\$ 18 55
June 4.	Cash on hand.....		\$ 13 10

C. W. CALKINS,
Registrar.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.

The Bishop returning, the Convention formally took a recess till 3:30 p. m., and the members repaired to the room, where a beautiful repast was enjoyed. At the close the Rev. Dr. Fair, in a few felicitous remarks, presented the purse to the Bishop,

who, though taken by surprise, replied in well-chosen and eloquent words, thanking the members of the Convention for their kindly appreciation and pleasant remembrance.

In all, it was a pleasant incident in the Convention.

The Convention took recess till 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Wm. N. Brown, the Chair was requested to appoint a Committee to consider that portion of the Bishop's Address to the last Convention which refers to proposed legislation, to incorporate into the Canons of the Church some of the provisions of the General Statutes of the State.

The Chair appointed the present Committee on Canons.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to prepare an amended copy of the Constitution and Canons for the press.

It was ordered that one thousand copies of the Constitution and Canons be printed, a sufficient part be bound up with the Journal, and the balance be bound in paper like the present edition.

The Chair appointed on the foregoing resolution the following Committee:

Rev. E. D. Irvine,
Mr. Jacob K. Kleinhans,
Mr. M. S. Burch.

The Bishop was assisted in the usual Mission service by

Rev. Wm. Morrall, the Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D., and the Rev. C. T. Stout.

The Rev. R. E. Jones, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read his report upon the work of the Board during the past year.

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

To the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Board of Missions elected by the Fourteenth Annual Convention met at St. John's Church, Grand Haven, June 7th, 1888, and organized by the election of the Rev. R. E. Jones as Secretary and Mr. D. G. Robinson as Treasurer of the Board.

During the year, five meetings have been held. At the second meeting, held in Grand Rapids July 17th, the appropriations for the year were voted. The work of the other meetings appears in the general review below, and in the reports of the other officers of the Board.

The Board chronicles with sorrow the death of Mr. C. B. Mosher, of St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, for many years a faithful member. His heart was directed to the Missionary interest of the Church, and his mind broad and far-seeing. Among us the memory of the just shall ever be blessed, and once again we give God hearty thanks for His servant departed this life in His faith and fear. The Standing Committee has appointed Mr. S. S. Morris, of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, to the vacancy thus created, whom we now publicly welcome to co-operation with us.

By absence from the Diocese, the Rev. J. R. Taylor has been unable to take part in the work of the Board. We trust that our loved and venerable Brother may enjoy this much needed season of change and recuperation.

The sudden and untimely death of the Rev. Robert Lynn, Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia, Acting Missionary at Greenville, fills the members of the Board, as also the whole Diocese,

with heartfelt grief. He was "a workman that needed not to be ashamed;" genial and loving, of great promise of usefulness; and only the knowledge that "He doeth all things well" can calm us to resignation under such bereavement.

The Board congratulates the Diocese upon the gift of \$1,259.30 from the estate of Mary Chambers, deceased, late of Ann Arbor. The income from this bequest is to be used for the general Missionary purposes of our Diocese, and coming from without its bounds, should provoke both its gratitude and emulation.

The following is a list of the Missionaries at work in the Diocese. Although some of them receive their stipends from the General Board, these are included for the sake of giving a complete view:

The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Albion and Homer.

" " S. C. Thrall, D. D., Elk Rapids and Traverse City.

" " A. E. Wells, Saugatuck.

" " N. S. Boardman, Mt. Pleasant and vicinity.

" " G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., Benton Harbor.

" " H. Hughes, Quincy.

" " J. B. Prichard, Ludington.

" " C. T. Stout, Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

" " A. W. Mann, Traveling Missionary to Deaf Mutes.

" " J. W. Bancroft, General Missionary.

The two first-named gentlemen have come among us during the current year, and we desire to bid them welcome and Godspeed.

The Board with great pleasure notes the building of churches at Holland, Charlotte and Manistee, making this a year of marked advance in material equipment.

During the summer, services were furnished at Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and Traverse City, by Rev. Messrs. Hughes, Woodford and Greenleaf, assisted as ever by the Bishop.

Services, chiefly on week days, have been furnished at the following points regularly during the year: Paw Paw and

Schoolcraft, by the clergy of St. Luke's, Kalamazoo: Holland, the Rev. Dr. Knapp and Rev. Mr. Law; Sparta, Rockford, and Newaygo Oakdale Park, the clergy of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids; Chapel, Muskegon, the Rev. Dr. Rippey.

Lay work has been acceptably conducted and with marked success at Holland, Pentwater and Charlotte.

The General Missionary has ministered at Luther, Paw Paw, Schoolcraft, Union City, Sturgis, Greenville, Holland, Pentwater, Rockford, Stanton, East Jordan and Morley. Under these labors the health of our esteemed Brother has been seriously impaired. The Board wishes him a speedy and complete recovery, and to this end desires that he consult its interests by confining his efforts to a minimum of necessary work.

The sympathy of the Diocese for our valued General Missionary should be practically expressed by such increase of the Funds of the Board as would warrant the employment of a second General Missionary. The present field is far too large to be covered advantageously by one man. The southern part of the Diocese presents a rich field now almost unworked, and which would very early give gratifying return. A second General Missionary is at present the most pressing need of the Diocese.

The missionary work of the Bishop, our Chief Missionary, is detailed in the "Notes" in The Church Helper, and in the itinerary of the Convention Address. The Board cannot too deeply express its obligation and that of the Diocese to our tireless, devoted and loving Chief Pastor.

The Board wishes to emphasize the necessity of increased means at its disposal for church erection. Small contributions, or loans, enable struggling congregations to build churches and rectories which otherwise would go unbuilt. The hands of the Board are often tied, by want of means, from helping toward the permanent foundation of the church in important points.

Our summer work, at the Resorts and other places, would be far more effective if accompanied by pastoral activity during the week days. One clergyman, moving among the people

daily, were far more effective than a succession of those who hold Sunday services and depart. The addition of pastoral care is the great need of our summer work.

The circular and assignments of the Apportionment Committee, with the balance sheet of the Church Helper, are incorporated as parts of this report, designated respectively Appendices A, B, and C.

The Board is cheered by a year of advance all along the line, and prays that the people may be inspired with a mind to work to meet the open door that greets the Church on every hand.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ELLIS JONES,

Secretary.

APPENDIX "A."

CIRCULAR LETTER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., May 22, 1889.

The Board of Missions, in compliance with the request of the Convention of 1883, and in accord with the plan adopted by it annually since that time, has appointed the undersigned a committee to apportion to the various Parishes and Missions in the Diocese, the sum needed for Diocesan Missions during the ensuing conventional year, and has also fixed the total sum which will be needed for such purposes at \$2,000.

The Committee has performed its duty and apportioned to your—the sum of \$——

It is hoped that this is the *lowest* amount which will be pledged by your deputies at the coming Convention. The sum asked for by the Board is none too great to carry on the work which it is called upon to do. A second General Missionary is needed in order that services and attention may be given at points which it is now impossible to reach with but one missionary.

The stipends which the Board has been able to grant each year to some of the Missions should be increased, but the most pressing need is for the new work which it can undertake only when it has sufficient means at its command.

Will you please give this matter the necessary attention and have your delegates instructed and authorized to pledge at the convention a sum not less than the apportionment stated above? If your Parish or Mission will not be represented at the Convention, its pledge can be made in writing to the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. D. G. Robinson, Hastings, Mich.

Very Respectfully Yours,

REV. T. J. KNAPP, D. D.,

E. F. SWEET,

F. A. GORHAM,

Committee.

APPENDIX "B."

APPORTIONMENT OF AMOUNT NEEDED TO PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

PARISHES.		MISSIONS.	
Albion, S. James'.....	\$10 00	Kalkaska.....	\$5 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	35 00	Benton Harbor.....	10 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.....	120 00	Charlotte, Grace.....	15 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	45 00	Eaton Rapids, S. Matthias'....	
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	80 00	Greenville, S. Paul's.....	10 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	30 00	Harbor Springs.....	35 00
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	30 00	Mendon.....	3 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	700 00	Mt. Pleasant, S. John's.....	30 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	10 00	Newaygo, S. Mark's.....	20 00
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	65 00	Pentwater, S. James'.....	10 00
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	15 00	Petoskey, Emmanuel.....	10 00
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	65 00	Quincy, S. John's.....	10 00
Holland, Grace.....	5 00	Rockford, S. James'.....	5 00
Homer, Christ.....	15 00	Schoolcraft.....	5 00
Ionia, S. John's.....	35 00	Sturgis, S. John's.....	
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	400 00	Charlevoix.....	35 00
Ludington, Grace.....	5 00	Stanton.....	10 00
Marshall, Trinity.....	140 00	East Jordan.....	5 00
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	70 00	Luther.....	5 00
Manistee, St. Paul's.....	5 00	Sparta.....	
Niles, Trinity.....	25 00	Morley.....	5 00
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	10 00		
Saugatuck, All Saints'.....	15 00		
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	5 00		
Traverse City, Grace.....	25 00		
Union City, Grace.....	10 00		
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	5 00		

APPENDIX "C."

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HELPER.

To the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

June 4, 1888. Cash on hand.....	\$ 100 29
Receipts from subscribers.....	270 73
" " advertisements.....	50 25
Appropriation by the Board of Missions.....	50 00
Total income.....	\$ 471 27
Total expenditures.....	355 17
June 3, 1889. Cash in hand.....	\$ 116 10

Only eleven issues of the Helper are included in the above expenditures for the conventional year. When the number for the current month shall have been paid, the balance in hand will be nine or ten dollars less than for the pre-

ceeding year of the convention; which shows that the Helper does not have subscribers enough. Two very suggestive and painful facts may be mentioned in this connection; *first*, that only a few of the names of Wardens and Vestrymen reported in "The Easter Elections" are found on the Helper subscription list; and *second*, that too many of our lady subscribers are inconsiderate enough to permit their subscriptions to go unpaid eight, ten, fifteen, and even twenty months, and then coolly say they do not wish the paper longer! It would seem we might expect common honesty from nominal church people, even though the measure of practical sympathy naturally to be expected should be withheld.

At present there are but 611 paying subscribers. The free list is quite large relatively. Thanks are due for material increase of our list in Albion, Charlotte, East Jordan, Kalamazoo, Ludington, Marshall, Muskegon, Paw Paw and Schoolcraft.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BANCROFT.

Hastings, June 3, 1889.

Managing Editor.

MR. D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer of the Board of Missions and other Funds, read his report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888

In account with Diocesan Mission Fund.

June 7.	Cash on hand, as per report.....	\$ 726 52
	Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.....	2 52
	Domestic Board, through the General Missionary.....	862 50
	Grace Mission, Charlotte.....	28 96
	S. Paul's, Greenville.....	7 88
	Charlevoix, Christ Mission.....	26 12
	Kalkaska.....	5 00
	S. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	300 00
	S. Thomas', Battle Creek.....	100 00
	Grace, Holland.....	2 79
	S. Mark's, Coldwater, \$30, S. S. \$20.....	80 00
	S. James', Rockford.....	1 45
	Grace, Stanton.....	10 29
	East Jordan.....	14 54
	Grace, Traverse City.....	10 27
	All Saints', Saugatuck.....	15 00
	" " old pledge.....	5 53
	Reed City.....	2 93
	S. James'. Luther.....	7 00

Morley.....	5 00
S. James', Pentwater.....	10 55
S. Paul's, Manistee.....	20 00
S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.....	38 75
S. John's, Harbor Springs.....	18 27
Grace, Ludington.....	5 75
S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	500 00
S. Mark's, Paw Paw.....	6 83
Trinity, Marshall.....	100 00
S. John's, Quincy.....	5 00
S. John's, Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00
Grace, Union City.....	10 23
S. John's, Grand Haven.....	30 00
Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.....	10 00
S. John's Mission, Sturgis.....	7 91
Schoolcraft.....	7 00
Mendon.....	1 95
S. John's, Ionia.....	35 00
Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	22 50
Otsego.....	3 50
S. Paul's, Muskegon.....	70 00
Emmanuel, Hastings.....	55 00
Grace, Grand Rapids.....	40 00
" " on old pledge.....	30 00
Trinity, Niles.....	2 40
Mt. Calvary, Baltimore, Md., per Rev. R. H. Paine.....	10 00
Emmanuel Mission, Petoskey.....	10 00
S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....	35 00
Rev. H. E. S. Somerville.....	5 00
Rev. J. E. Wilkenson.....	5 00
Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	2 00
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf.....	5 00
Miss Mary Penfield.....	5 00
Mrs. Chas. P. Dibble.....	10 00
W. J. Dibble.....	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sweet and children.....	25 00
Mrs. Hancock.....	5 00
Mrs. N. I. Beaudry.....	2 09
F. A. Gorham, Treasurer, Interest on Permanent Int. Funds..	144 00
Geo. D. Sanford, for St. John's S. S., Grand Haven.....	5 00
D. G. Robinson.....	5 00
Total.....	\$3,557 94

1889.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 7. Paid General Missionary Stipend and Expenses for 1888-9.....	\$ 1166 67	
Paid Rev. S. H. Woodford for services rendered at Harbor Springs.....	30 00	
Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, for services rendered at Charlevoix.....	40 00	
Transferred to Deaf Mute Fund.....	75 00	
“ to Book and Tract Fund.....	50 00	
Paid Rev. Henry Hughes for services rendered at Traverse City.....	30 00	
Mr. Harry W. Perkins for services at Greenville.....	12 50	
Rev. Albert E. Wells, stipend.....	50 00	
Rev. J. B. Prichard, “.....	150 00	
Rev. G. V. C. Eastman, D. D.....	75 00	
Rev. Henry Hughes, for services rendered at Quincy.....	50 00	
Rev. C. T. Stout, stipend.....	37 50	
Rev. A. Kinney Hall, “.....	150 00	
Rev. N. S. Boardman, “.....	31 25	
Rev. S. C. Thrall, “.....	125 00	
Rev. C. T. Stout, expense account.....	4 00	
Rev. J. N. Rippey, church building.....	100 00	
Rev. W. P. Law, expense account, Otsego.....	3 90	
Rev. J. W. Bancroft, clerical services on Church Helper.....	50 00	
Rev. Dr. Knapp, printing bill and expenses.....	2 25	
M. H. Mallory & Co.'s bill.....	2 70	
Mrs. J. M. Hadley, Sec'y Woman's Auxiliary.....	10 00	
Dennis & Slingerland, bill.....	1 75	
Rev. J. B. Mead, missionary services.....	25 00	
Treasurer. expense account.....	2 68	
June 7, '89—Balance on hand, carried to new account.....	1282 71	
		\$ 3557 91

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

In account with Church Building Fund, Diocese of Western Michigan.

1888.		
June 7. Balance on hand.....	\$ 126 19	
1889.		
Feb. 26. St. Paul's S. S., Muskegon, Epiphany offering.....	2 00	
March 4. St. James, Abion, “ “.....	2 50	
“ 19. F. Whitmarsh, Manistee.....	1 00	
June 3. Grace, Grand Rapids.....	6 41	
“ 7. Balance carried forward to new account.....	111 90	\$ 250 00

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
Aug. 13. Paid the Bishop's order to Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Manistee—same donated by Mrs. Fuller for church building.....		\$ 100 00

Oct. 4.	Paid the Bishop's order to C. L. Stevenson, Holland, from interest on Permanent Missionary Fund..	50 00	
Oct. 16.	Paid the Bishop's order to Christian Bargboom, Luther.....	100 00	\$ 250 00
1889.			
June 7.	Balance due Treasurer.....		\$ 111 90

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE NEW BOOK FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888. In account with New Book Fund,

June 7th.	Cash on hand.....	\$ 20 79	
1889.			
June 7th.	Balance due Treasurer, to new account.....	10 79	\$ 31 58

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.	
Oct. 16.	Paid Thos. Whittaker's bill.....	1 93	
" 17.	" N. Y. Evening Post, for Akeley Institute.....	2 00	
Nov. 3.	" Moses King Corporation, for two copies King's Hand Book.....	2 20	
Dec. 3.	" The Young Church Co., for Akeley Institute.....	14 00	
" 4.	" Harper & Brothers, for Harper's Young People for Akeley Institute.....	2 00	
	" Century Co., for St. Nicholas, Akeley institute	3 00	
1889.			
Feb'y 18.	" Eaton & Lyon's bill.	6 45	\$ 31 58
June 7th.	Balance due Treasurer.....		\$ 10 79

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BISHOP'S TRUST FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888. In account with the Bishop's Trust Fund.

June 7.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 88 54	
	By interest on certificate of deposit.....	3 00	
	Rec'd from Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md., per Rev. R. H. Palne.....	5 00	
	Cash returned from Kalamazoo Convocation.....	11 71	
	Miss M. W. Hess.....	10 50	
	Charged Candidates Holy Order Fund—balance due Bishop's Trust Fund.....	38 15	
1889	From Ladies of S. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	10 00	

Miss Mary Penfield, Kalamazoo.....	2 00	
Girls of Akeley Institute—Lental offering.....	10 70	
From F. A. Gorham, Treasurer, income of Rectory		
Building Fund.....	208 46	
Certificate of deposit in Hastings City Bank.....	100 00	
June 7. Interest on above.....	3 55	\$ 491 61
“ Balance on hand to new account.....	\$ 310 87	

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 22. Bill of items as per account rendered.....		\$ 9 50
Expense of Clergy, Grand Rapids Convocation.....		20 00
Paid James Gallery's Son, bill of shutters.....		10 00
Expense of Clergy at Charlotte, Kalamazoo Convo'n		15 00
Paid Rev. J. B. Prichard's expense G'd Rapids “		2 00
“ bill of items as per order.....		11 27
“ Thos. Whittaker's bill, 5 Marg. Certificates.....		8 80
“ Expense of Clergy, Convocation held at Allegan		25 09
“ Dennis & Slingerland, for Pastorals.....		50
“ James Pott & Co., bill of Almanacs.....		4 50
“ Thos. Whittaker's bill of Xmas Cards.....		2 75
“ bill of items up to Jan. 10, '89.....		19 30
“ Washburn Memorial Association.....		5 00
“ Expense of Clergy, Quiet Day, held at Hastings		24 37
“ Church Temp. Society, for 3 copies (1 copy to		
Reform School, 1 copy to Deaf and Dumb		
Institute, 1 copy to Industrial Home, Adrian		1 50
“ James Pott & Co., for 25 Inauguration Services		1 25
“ Thos. Whittaker's bill, April 9.....		1 00
“ Bishop Gillespie, bill.....		2 00
“ Expense of Clergy, convocation at Muskegon...		25 00
June 7. Balance carried to new account.....		310 87
		491 61

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FUND FOR CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888.	In account with Fund Candidates for Holy Orders.	
June 7. Collection received at Convention.....	\$ 9 93	
Received from St. Paul's, Manistee.....	1 62	
“ “ Trinity, Niles.....	7 56	
“ “ St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....	22 72	
“ “ St. Paul's, Muskegon.....	5 00	
1889. “ “ St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	25 00	
June 7. Balance due Treasurer.....	18 82	\$ 90 65

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 7.	Bal. due Bishop's Trust Fund for money advanced.	\$ 38 15
1889.		
June 7.	Paid Harry W. Perkins, Nashotah, per order from Bishop Gillespie.....	52 50 \$ 90 65

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
	In account with Book and Tract Fund.	
July 17.	Received from Diocesan Mission Fund.....	\$ 50 00
1889.		
June 7.	Balance due Treasurer—to new account.....	2 42 \$ 52 42
1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 7.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 6 47
July 10.	Paid the Bishop's order to Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Manistee.....	10 00
Sept. 15.	" James Pott & Co., New York.....	1 50
1889.		
Feb.	" Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Albion.....	10 00
March.	" Rev. Chas. T. Stout, Petoskey.....	10 00
	" for books and expenses for Otsego.....	5 70
	" Thos. Whittaker's bill for Holland.....	8 75 \$ 52 42
June 7.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 2 42

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEAF MUTE FUND.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

1888.	CONTRA.	Cr.
	In account with Deaf Mute Fund.	
June 7.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 6 11
	Received from Diocesan Mission Fund.....	75 00
	" " Emmanuel Church S. S., Hastings...	1 03
	" " Grace Church, Traverse City.....	4 29
	" " St. Paul's, Muskegon.....	4 23
	" " Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.....	2 25 \$ 92 91
1889.	CONTRA.	Cr.
June 7.	Amount paid Rev. A. W. Mann, stipend.....	\$ 75 00
	Balance on hand, carried to new account.....	17 91 \$ 92 91

LIST OF UNPAID PLEDGES AND BALANCES,

And when made, for Diocesan Missions.

1889.		Made.	
June 7.	H. D. Pessel, Quincy.....	1882	\$ 5 00
	St. John's Grand Haven, balance.....	1883	24 41
	Thomas Pierce, Grand Rapids.....	"	5 00
	St. John's, Quincy, balance.....1883 to	1887	10 73
	Mendon, ".....	1884	4 00
	Trinity, Grand Rapids, ".....	1885	9 50
	" Three Rivers, ".....	1886	5 00
	Good Shepherd, balance.....1886 to	1888	22 50
	Grace, Grand Rapids, balance.....	1887	30 00
	St. Paul's, Manistee, ".....	"	8 00
	Grace, Traverse City, ".....	"	1 23
	St. James', Albion, ".....	"	13 79
	Rev. T. J. Knapp.....	"	25 00
	Grace, Holland, balance,.....	1888	2 21
	St. Mark's, Paw Paw, ".....	"	3 17
	Holy Trinity S. S., Benton Harbor.....	"	2 00
	St. Paul's, Greenville, balance... ..	"	2 12
	St. John's, Harbor Springs, balance.....	"	16 73
	St. James', Pentwater, ".....	"	4 45
	Sparta, by individual.....	"	1 00
	Rev. J. N. Rippey.....	"	22 00
	John Hiller, Grand Haven.....	"	2 00
	Individual, Benton Harbor, by Dr. Eastman	"	5 00
	Alfred Coates, ".....	"	5 00
	Baldwin, by Mrs. T. E. Withey.....	"	5 00
			<hr/> \$ 234 84

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Missions.

Addresses were made by the Rev. C. T. Stout and the Rev. A. L. Fraser, Jr.

Pledges were taken from Parishes and Missions for the Diocesan Missionary Work. The following is the list of pledges:

MISSION PLEDGES FROM PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

PARISHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	MISSIONS.		
Albion, S. James',.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	Benton Harbor.....	\$ 15 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	25 00		Charlotte, Grace.....	15 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.....	75 00	15 00	East Jordan, Redeem'r ..	5 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	25 00		Mt. Pleasant, S. John's ..	30 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	60 00	20 00	Petoskey, Emmanuel ..	10 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	30 00		Quincy, S. John's.....	10 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	500 00	50 00		
" " S. Mark's Miss'ns	50 00			
" " S. Paul's.....	10 00			
" " Grace.....	40 00			
" " Trinity.....	15 00			
Hastings, Emmanuel	50 00	5 00		
Holland, Grace.....	5 00			
Ionia, S. John's.....	35 00			
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	300 00			
Marshall, Trinity.....	100 00			
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	55 00	5 00		
" Woman's Auxillary	10 00			
Manistee, S. Paul's.....	15 00			
Sangatuck, All Saints'.....	10 00	5 00		
Traverse City, Grace.....	10 00			
Individual, Marshall	30 00			

SUMMARY.

From Parishes.....	\$ 370 00
" Sunday Schools.....	105 00
" Missions.....	85 00
" St. Mark's Missions.....	50 00
" Marshall, Individual.....	30 00
" Woman's Auxillary.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 1550 00

On motion of Mr. Wm. R. Shelby, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions is hereby directed to send statements of unpaid pledges by Parishes and individuals to the Rector, and such Rector be requested to call the attention of his congregation and the persons who have made individual pledges, to the delinquency, and make proper effort to collect the same; and after such effort, if the Rector reports the amount uncollectable, that the Treasurer charge the same from his books, that it may not appear year after year on the Journal.

The Convention took recess to meet Thursday morning at half past eight o'clock.

BATTLE CREEK, THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1889—8:30 A. M.

The Convention assembled for Morning Prayer.

The Bishop was assisted in the service by the Rev. Henry Hughes, the Rev. S. H. Woodford and the Rev. N. S. Boardman.

After Prayer the Convention came to order for business, the Bishop in the chair.

The rolls of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called.

The following Clergy and Lay Delegates answered to their names as present since last roll-call:

Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. N. S. Boardman, Rev. Jos. Large, Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rev. C. T. Stout, and Messrs. C. R. Wilkes and Moses Smith.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Bishop named the following Committee to raise \$10,000 for the Episcopal Fund:

Mr. Wm. R. Shelby, Mr. Wm. J. Dibble, Mr. N. P. Lovelidge, Mr. A. J. Mills, Mr. H. H. Noble.

The Committee on the Admittance of Parishes into union with the Convention, made the following

REPORT

That they have examined the application of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Manistee, for admission into union with this Convention, with accompanying papers, as provided in Canon III. They find that the Parish has been duly organized under

the laws of the State, and that the proof thereof, as required by Canon, have been submitted in due and legal form. It is, therefore, recommended that "The Church of the Holy Trinity," of Manistee, be admitted into union with this Convention.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
E. T. MONTGOMERY,
W. P. LAW,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Thrall the Parish of Holy Trinity, Manistee, was admitted into union with this Convention.

Dr. E. S. Ellis appeared and took his seat as delegate.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund made the following

REPORT

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Fund of the Aged and Infirm Clergy, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined both reports, with accompanying vouchers, and find them correct. We recommend that both reports be adopted.

CHAS. F. BOCK,
C. W. NOTTINGHAM,
E. S. ELLIS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions made the following

REPORT:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, report that they have exam-

ined the same, with accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

WM. MORRALL,

A. B. COFFINBERRY,

JAS. E. WILKINSON,

GEO. D. SANFORD,

Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Christian Education, to which has been referred the official reports of Akeley Institute, deems itself favored beyond any former committee of the Convention on this subject, because we have not to make an argument in demonstration of the necessity and value of Church Schools. Christian education in this Diocese has passed its wholly theoretical stage and become one of the practical forms of church work, demanding the wisest thought and heartiest sympathy of this Convention.

It is the testimony of all who have had the opportunity to inform themselves, that the success of our School has fully met every reasonable expectation, and gives cheering promise of its enlarging usefulness. It only needs that the facts shall be known, to call out a practical sympathy throughout the Diocese.

In view of the facts of a present indebtedness of about \$700, and the need of a further expenditure of about \$800 for furnishing prior to the opening the second year, the Committee proposes the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention it is expedient to raise immediately, by a general subscription in the Parishes of this Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to pay the present indebtedness and provide for the necessities of Akeley Institute.

By the fifth of the Articles of Association of the Akeley In-

stitute, it is required that this Convention shall nominate a list of twenty persons, from which fifteen are to be chosen the successors of the present Board of Trustees, at the meeting of said Board on the first Tuesday in July, the current year.

The proposed list of nominees is presented by your committee:

W. B. Williams, H. F. Severens, W. N. Brown, Dwight Cutler, C. F. Bock, E. F. Sweet, N. P. Loveridge, Wm. P. Savage, Rt. Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, Rev. J. N. Rippey, H. C. Akeley, D. Henning, A. S. White, Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair, Rev. Dr. T. J. Knapp, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Thomas A. Parish, W. J. Dibble, J. H. Simmons, M. C. Burch.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BANCROFT,
CAMPBELL FAIR,
S. ROOSEVELT,
N. P. LOVERIDGE,
ORR SCHURTZ,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and the appended resolution adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Thrall, the names suggested by the foregoing Committee were nominated by the Convention to the Board of Trustees of the Akeley Institute, as the law requires, as a list of suitable persons from which the future Board of Trustees is to be selected.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

NO. I.

The Committee on Canons, following the suggestion of the Bishop's Address with reference to the provision for an Assistant Minister in the Convention, proposes the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article VI. of the Constitution be amended by

adding, in line 6, after the word "Minister," the words, "*or Assistant Minister.*"

Signed by the Committee.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,
Chairman.

NO. 2.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following, to be known as Canon XX., Sec. 8:

No Mission shall place itself under the charge, permanent or temporary, of any Minister without the consent of the Bishop.

Signed by the Committee.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,
Chairman.

NO. 3.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the status of a Mission, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution be amended so as read as follows:

ARTICLE VI., Sec. 1.—Strike out all after the word "Missions" in the 4th line to and including the word "vote," in the fifth line.

After the word "Parish," in 7th line, add the words "*or Mission.*"

After the word "Parish," in the 18th line, add the words "*or Mission.*"

SEC. 2. After the word "Parish," in the first line, add the words "*or Mission,*"

After the word "association," in second line, add "*or organization.*"

After the word "Parish," in line 9, add the words "*or by the officers or members of a Mission.*"

After the word "vestry," in line 10, add "*or officer of the Mission.*"

SEC. 3.—After the word "Parish," in line 8, add the words, "*and Mission.*"

ARTICLE VII.—After the word "Parish," in line 9, add the word "*Mission*" in both cases where the word "Parish" occurs."

ARTICLE IX.—In line 5 strike out word "and."

In line 5, after word "Vestry" add the words "*and Vestry.*"

Strike out all after the word "Convention" in 8th line, and add the words, "*Provided*, that one-half of all who are entitled to vote be present."

Signed by Committee.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,
Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Geo. D. Sanford, that No. 1 of the above report be adopted. The yeas and nays being called for it was adopted. Clergy: yeas, 18, nays, 1. Lay: yeas, 21, nays, 0.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Eastman item number 2 of the above report was adopted.

Item number 3 coming up for adoption, it was verbally amended and adopted as given above.

Section I, Art. VI—Clergy, yeas 19; nays 1.

Lay, yeas 21; nays 0.

Section II, Art. VI—Clergy, yeas 20; nays 0.

Lay, yeas 21; nays 0.

Section III, Art. VI—Clergy, yeas, 19; nays 0.

Lay, yeas 22; nays 0.

Article VII was adopted—Clergy, yeas 18; nays 3.

Lay, yeas 23; nays 0.

Amendment to Article IX coming up for adoption, a motion to lay on the table was lost.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Stout the amendment to Article IX was referred to a Committee to report at the next Convention, and the present Committee on Canons was designated as that Committee.

The Committee on Canons reported on the "Change of a Mission into a Parish," that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 7, of Canon XX, be amended by adding at the end of the Section the words, "and on giving

written notice to the Bishop and obtaining his consent to such change."

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Church Literature made the following

REPORT.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the subject committed to them was so thoroughly discussed in the report presented to the last Convention, that it is difficult, and perhaps unnecessary to say anything that has not already been better said. On all hands it is agreed that many Church people do not read as much in religious books and periodicals as it were well that they did. Comparisons are sometimes drawn in this respect between ourselves and the members of other religious bodies, much to the disadvantage of the former. If your Committee had the statistics at hand it would be interesting to note the ratio between the numbers of any denomination and the number of copies of its papers taken.

As regards the actual condition of things in our Communion it should be said that to a certain extent the Prayer Book fills the place that in other Christian bodies is occupied by other books. It is a devotional manual, and in some very important respects is a commentary on Holy Scripture. The taste which is fostered and the instruction which is given by a continued use of the Prayer Book may have something to do with the fact that more *books* are not sold. As regards Church papers and periodicals, it may be fairly asked whether all the blame attaches to the people. A secular paper is expected and obliged to adapt itself to the needs, circumstances and tastes of the constituency to which it appeals. It may be fairly asked whether the Church papers are not made for the Church people instead of Church people for Church papers, and whether some of the blame for their not being read may not justly attach to the publications themselves, because they fail to appeal to the needs and circumstances, financial and otherwise, of our people. Undoubtedly,

one difficulty to be contended against is the *diverse* characters, opinions and tastes of our people. The whole Church in the United States is not a large body, and within its bounds are great differences of opinion, circumstances and needs, and this fact tends to limit the number of the readers of any one paper. But, after all allowances made, it remains true that our people are not as much alive as they should be to the need of being well read and well informed churchmen. The difficulty is one which cannot be removed by a resolution of this or any other convention. The delinquents would never *read* the resolution. The desired result can only be reached by the individual efforts of the clergy, the reading part of the laity, and by intelligent, well-directed efforts on the part of the publishers themselves. Concerning the desirability of the people reading, your committee say nothing, because on that subject no two opinions exist in this Convention nor among the reading part of church people, while this report would never reach those who do *not* read but peacefully repose in the Convention Journal. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD D. IRVINE,
HENRY HUGHES,
GEORGE WILLARD,
WILLIAM J. DIBBLE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to prepare an address of thanks to Hon. H. C. Akeley and wife, made the following

REPORT.

On page 56 of the Journal of last year's Convention the following resolution appears:

That a committee of three be appointed to convey Mr. and Mrs. Akeley the cordial thanks and appreciation of the Diocese.

Whereupon the Bishop appointed the Committee which now most respectfully reports its action.

The Committee waited in person upon the generous donors of the Akeley Institute and expressed to them the heartfelt appreciation of the Diocese for their gift of the Hall of Learning which now so adorns and strengthens our beloved Church in Western Michigan.

But the Committee realized that mere verbal thanks, however sincere, were not in this case sufficient to perpetuate the expression of gratitude with which the Convention was animated; it was therefore ordered by the Convention that your Committee present to Mr. and Mrs. Akeley an Address, artistically illuminated and solidly framed, recording their gifts and our thanks.

This pleasing work the Committee has performed. The Address now adorns the walls of our AKELEY INSTITUTE, telling its history of generosity and gratitude to all who read its words.

The Committee takes this opportunity of heartily thanking Miss Eliza Johnston, of Muskegon, for the taste and talent she displayed in the execution of the illuminations which adorn the Address. The words are as follows:

TO THE HON. AND MRS. H. C. AKELEY,

Minneapolis, Minn.:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, held June 7th, A. D. 1888, in St. John's Church, Grand Haven, Michigan, the noble and generous gift of your late Residence, presented by you to the Church in Western Michigan, was gratefully and unanimously accepted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity in council assembled.

By subsequent action it was determined that the handsome Buildings and Grounds so liberally bestowed by you should be used as the Diocesan School for Girls, and be known *in memoriam* as BLANCHE HALL OF THE AKELEY INSTITUTE.

Your gift has inaugurated for the Church in Western Mich-

igan a work of Education which will be inestimable in its advantages, and permanent in its benign influence.

In addition to the expressions of gratitude made by the Committee which had the honor of waiting upon you during the Session of the Council, we beg your kindly acceptance of this more permanent form of grateful appreciation.

[Signed]

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese.

JOHN N. RIPPEY, M. D.,
Secretary of Convention.

CAMPBELL FAIR, D. D.,
Chairman of Committee.

The Committee having performed its duty, asks that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

CAMPBELL FAIR,
CHAS. F. BOCK,
C. S. HAZELTINE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to whom was referred Art. IX. of the Constitution, to report at the next Convention, consists of

The Rev. A. P. Greenleaf,
The Rev. S. C. Thrall, D. D.,
Mr. Wm. B. Williams,
Mr. A. J. Mills.

Elections being in order, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer.

The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt and Mr. E. T. Montgomery were appointed tellers.

The tellers on the election of Treasurer made the following

REPORT.

Total No. of ballots cast,	-	-	-	39
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	20
Mr. T. P. Sheldon received	-	-	-	33
Mr. F. A. Gorham	"	-	-	4
Blank	-	-	-	2

Mr. T. P. Sheldon was declared elected.

On motion, Mr. W. R. Shelby was excused from further attendance at the Convention.

Rev. A. E. Wells offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to make such settlement with the delinquent Parishes as may be possible. Carried.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Registrar.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, the Secretary of the Convention was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Mr. C. W. Calkins for Registrar.

The Secretary cast the vote as directed.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Standing Committee.

Rev. W. B. Wright and Dr. E. S. Ellis were appointed tellers.

Ballot was taken, and the tellers retired to make their report.

The Secretary of the Grand Rapids Convocation made his report. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider the subject of the "Primitive Diaconate," made the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the restoration of the Primitive Diaconate, respectfully report that in the opinion of the Committee legislation on the matter is

unnecessary. By the Canons of the General Convention ample provision is made for the Diaconate, either temporary or permanent. Wherever it is possible and expedient, the suggestions made by the proposed Canon XIV., (p. 52, Journal 1887,) can be carried out; and where it is not expedient or possible, a Canon would be of no avail.

Signed by the Committee.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF.

WM. MORRALL.

J. N. RIPPEY.

The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider the advisability of incorporating some of the General Statutes of the State relating to corporations, reported that having examined the matter carefully, find no good reason for such action.

Signed,

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF,

S. C. THRALL,

WM. B. WILLIAMS,

A. J. MILLS,

Committee.

The report was accepted.

The Secretary of the Semi-Annual Missionary Conference made his report, which was accepted. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Secretary of the American Church Building Fund Commission was received and read. Report accepted. [See Appendix.]

The Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary made her report, which was accepted. [See Appendix.]

On motion, recess was taken till 1:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, 1:15 P. M.

Convention was called to order, and business resumed.

The Rev. S. Roosevelt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed by the Bishop to report to the next Convention on the work of the Sunday Schools within the Diocese. Carried.

Invitations were received from S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, and S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, asking that the next Diocesan Convention be held in their respective cities.

On motion, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, was selected as the place of meeting of the next Annual Convention.

Moved by Dr. Knapp, that the usual number of the Journals of this Convention be printed and distributed. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Fair offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Ladies of S. Thomas' Parish, Battle Creek, for their hospitality to the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Board of Missions.

The Chair appointed the Rev. A. L. Frazer, Jr., and Mr. Charles Thayer, as tellers.

The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

The following telegram was received from the Diocese of Pittsburg:

SOUTH OIL CITY, PA.,
JUNE 6, 1889.

BISHOP GILLESPIE:

The Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburg returns grateful acknowledgments of your kind message of sympathy.

W. W. WILSON, Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. R. E. Jones was excused from further attendance.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, the report of the Committee on Liturgical Revision was taken from the table. [See pages 40-41 for the report.]

On motion, the first resolution appended to the report was adopted.

The second appended resolution was on motion lost.

The tellers on the election of Standing Committee made their report:

REPORT.

Whole No. of ballots cast,	-	-	37
The Rev. J. W. Bancroft received	-	-	32
The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., received			36
The Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.,	"	-	26
The Rev. R. E. Jones	"	-	20
Mr. W. R. Shelby	"	-	34
Mr. H. F. Severens	"	-	26
Mr. W. J. Stewart	"	-	28
Scattering—Clerical,	-	-	24
Lay,	-	-	16

W. B. WRIGHT,

E. S. ELLIS,

Tellers.

The above-named gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee.

The question on the adoption of Resolution third of the Report on Liturgical Revision came up. A division being called for, the vote stood: Ayes 26, nays 10.

The resolution was adopted.

Motion to lay Resolution No. 4 on the table was lost.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4 was carried by division :
Ayes 23, nays 11.

On motion of Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Canon No. XXI. was changed to read No. XXII.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Stout, a vote of thanks was tendered the Pages for their faithful service, and a remuneration of \$2.50 each was granted.

The tellers on the election of the Board of Missions made the following

REPORT.

No. ballots cast,	- - -	28
Necessary to a choice,	- - -	15
The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., received		27
The Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.,	" -	26
The Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.,	" -	24
Mr. D. G. Robinson	" -	28
The Rev. R. E. Jones	" -	17
Mr. F. A. Gorham	" -	27
Mr. E. F. Sweet	" -	27
Mr. W. J. Dibble	" -	26
Scattering—Clergy 44, Lay 32:		
Yet to be elected,	- 2.	

Received next highest votes—

The Rev. C. T. Stout,	-	7
The Rev. Henry Hughes,	-	7
The Rev. E. D. Irvine,	-	7
Mr. C. W. Calkins,	-	8
Mr. S. S. Morris,	-	6

Signed, ABNER L. FRAZER, JR.,
CHARLES THAYER,

Tellers.

One Clerical member not being elected, on motion of the Rev. Henry Hughes the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for the Rev. E. D. Irvine as such member. The Secretary cast the vote as directed.

One Lay member not having been elected, on motion of Rev. W. P. Law, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Mr. C. W. Calkins as such member. The Secretary cast the vote as directed.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. E. D. Irvine and Mr. Robt. H. Bedford were appointed tellers.

The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the Bishop's labors in the Penal and Reformatory Institutions of the country; and respectfully requests the Bishop to move the observance, throughout his Diocese, of "Prison Sunday," in such a way as may meet his approval.

The Bishop announced the following Committee on Sunday School work of the Diocese, to report to the next Convention:

The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, Big Rapids.

The Rev. Abner L. Frazer, Jr., Kalamazoo.

The Rev. N. S. Boardman, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. A. C. Torrey, Grand Rapids.

Mr. Harry P. Woodward, Coldwater.

Mr. C. R. Wilkes, Allegan.

Permission was granted by the Convention to the following delegates from further attendance:

Rev. W. P. Law, Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Rev. Joseph Large, Rev. N. S. Boardman, and Messrs. George D. Sanford, I. N. Beaudry, Robert H. Bedford, E. T. Montgomery, W. B. Williams and C. R. Wilkes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Knapp, the Secretary was allowed fifty dollars for his services during the year 1889.

The Rev. Dr. Eastman offered the following:

Resolved, That the names of the movers of resolutions be omitted in the Journal of the Convention.

..Laid on the table.

The Rev. Dr. Fair offered the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to Messrs. T. P. Sheldon, D. G. Robinson and F. A. Gorham, Treasurers of the several Diocesan Funds, for their valuable and careful services, thereby securing, to a large extent, the prosperity of the Church in Western Michigan.

On motion, Mr. N. P. Loveridge was excused from further attendance.

On motion of the Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, the Treasurer of the Diocese was directed to pay fifty dollars to each of the Clerical members representing the Diocese of Western Michigan in the General Convention.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. C. T. Stout, was adopted:

That Section 3, of Canon II., be referred to the Committee on Canons and reported to the Convention on the first day of its next session, making such change that the elections shall come at an earlier period in the session of the Convention, and that the election of Deputies to the General Convention shall have precedence of other elections.

The Rev. Dr. Fair offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Sunday next, Whitsun-day, the 9th of June, 1889, will be the 340th anniversary of the putting forth of the Book of Common Prayer in English; Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Clergy endeavor to preach concerning the above anniversary to their congregations on Sunday next, in connection with the annual collection for the Bible and Prayer Book Society.

The tellers on the election of Deputies to the General Convention made the following

REPORT.

No. of ballots cast,	-	-	41
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	21
The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., received	-		38
The Rev. J. W. Bancroft	"	-	32
The Rev. Henry Hughes	"	-	18
The Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D.,	"	-	17
The Rev. C. T. Stout	"	-	13
The Rev. R. E. Jones	"	-	12
The Rev. Wm. Morrall	"	-	11
The Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.	"	-	8
Mr. George Willard	"	-	31
Mr. W. R. Shelby	"	-	22
Mr. Wm. B. Williams	"	-	20
Mr. D. G. Robinson	"	-	16
Mr. N. P. Loveridge	"	-	16
Mr. Wm. N. Brown	"	-	13
Mr. H. F. Severens	"	-	9
Mr. Wm. J. Dibble	"	-	9
Mr. E. F. Uhl	"	-	8
Scattering—Clerical,	-	-	14
Lay,	-	-	18
Yet to be elected—Clerical,	-	-	2
Lay,	-	-	2

Signed,

E. D. IRVINE,

R. H. BEDFORD,

Tellers.

On motion of Mr. C. F. Bock, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for the Rev. Henry Hughes and the Rev. J. N. Rippey for Clerical Deputies to the General Convention.

The vote was so cast by the Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. C. F. Bock, the Secretary was instructed

to cast the vote of the Convention for Mr. Wm. B. Williams as Lay Deputy to the General Convention. The vote was cast as directed.

The Convention proceeded to the election of one Lay Deputy to fill out the delegation.—The same tellers acting as before.

The tellers made the following

REPORT.

Whole No. of votes cast,	-	-	27
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	14
Mr. D. G. Robinson received	-	-	22
Mr. Wm. N. Brown	"	-	1
Mr. N. P. Loveridge	"	,	4
E. D. IRVINE,			
R. H. BEDFORD,			
Tellers.			

Mr. Robinson was declared elected.

On motion of the Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, the four Clergy receiving the next highest votes were elected Alternate Deputies.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fair, the four Laymen receiving the next highest votes were elected Alternate Deputies.

The following gentlemen constitute the Alternates to the Deputies to the General Convention, according to the above resolutions:

CLERICAL—The Rev. C. T. Stout,
The Rev. R. E. Jones,
The Rev. Wm. Morrall,
The Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.

LAY—Hon. N. P. Loveridge,
Hon. Wm. N. Brown,
Hon. H. F. Severens,
Mr. Wm. J. Dibble.

The Rev. J. N. Rippey introduced the following amendments to the Constitution and Canons, and asked that they be

referred to the Committee on Canons to report upon the same at the next Convention :

Resolved, That wherever in the Constitution and Canons the word Convention occurs applying to this Diocese, it be stricken out and the word Synod be inserted.

Resolved, That Section 1, Canon IX., be amended by inserting after the word "members," in the third line: "who shall be regular communicants of the Parish in which they are elected and"—

That the words, "who shall be communicants" in the fifth line, be stricken out.

Resolved, That Section 2 of Canon IX. be amended, by striking out the words, "at the first organization" in first line, and all after the word "articles" in the sixth line and adding, "all regular communicants of the Parish or congregation, twenty-one years of age, shall be entitled to vote; but only male communicants shall be eligible to the office of Vestryman."

On motion of the Rev. C. T. Stout, the amendments were laid on the table.

The Rev. E. D. Irvine was excused from further attendance.

The minutes were read and approved.

After singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and with words of parting and blessing by the Bishop, the Convention was adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, President.

Attest :

J. N. RIPPEY, Secretary.

HORATIO B. LEWIS, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX "A."

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of Western Michigan:.

I greet you assembled in our Fifteenth Annual Convention. It has been in State and Church a time of Anniversaries, of long time ended in the rounded period of the century. It may be some comfort in our day of small things, that we have yet to make history, that no half nor even quarter century of Diocesan life demands, what we have accomplished. There is time before us to gather imposing facts and figures. As we see the fewness of our band, and go through the business of limited interests and not imposing statistics, it is not strange, if we look forward, even far beyond, when the places that now know us shall know us no more; and find comfort and even gather impulse from the vision, of the Convention that in its numbers and doings shall bring local agitation, and fix wide observation in the Church and Society. Certainly the anniversaries of Church and State preach to us not to "despise this day of small things."

THE DECEASE OF THE REV. ROBERT LYNN.

One Convention has passed since the Episcopal Address opened with the in memoriam of one of our own Clergy.

Then it was of the venerable brother who had lived to nearer the end of the hundred than beyond the three score and ten. Now it is one of the youngest, and as it seemed

to us one of the sturdiest of your band. He was with us in our last Convention.

"O, had it been told you, then,
 "To mark whose lamp was dim—
 "Would ye have singled him?"

Robert Lynn had been with us only eighteen months, but it was with me and in our Clerical band as it was in his parish. We all respected and trusted him; we saw into his integrity, we felt the calm yet deep sincerity of his soul toward God and man; we knew his cheerful, hopeful work was in his love of it, and in the abiding trust he had in Him who had put him into the Ministry. And when God called him so suddenly as it was, so soon as it seemed to us for the promise of his life, yet we remembered, "Honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years, but wisdom is gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age."

THE DECEASE OF BISHOPS.

The bereavements in the Episcopate have been in Dioceses locally near us. Personally I had been drawn in frequent official and personal relations with the Bishop of Wisconsin, and I had known the relations of a neighboring Diocese with the Bishop of Michigan.

The decease of the Rt. Rev. Samuel Smith Harris, D. D., L. L. D., on August 21, 1888, in the touching circumstances of the arrest of life in a foreign land, just as he was looking forward to the sacred pleasure and invigorating influence for the whole man, of visiting the path-ways and abiding places of our Lord, was enough to call out the feeling that passes far beyond all lines of Church and clime. But the Master in Israel, when in his 47th year of age and the 9th of consecration, entered into his rest. To a mind of unusual vigor, cultivated by the Schools, and the "large profession" of the Law, were added the clear judgment and executive ability, making the full man. Rarely does a man of his age assume so prominent a position in the Church and Society. I have lately been among his pastors and people, and am impressed with the blessed

memory he has left and the loss as we see it of his early death.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Randolph Welles, D. D., came home just living, to pass away under the roof of his kindred in his own land, on October 20, 1888. He had the singular wisdom, and far more than this the deep faith, that kept in his own bosom unusual trials of the Episcopate. To be near him was to learn the value of "a meek and quiet spirit."

The trusteeship of Nashotah and Racine with the watching and anxiety, brought me in close relations with Robertson, Brown and Welles. They were men of distinct gifts and qualities, but I revered and loved each, and I am sure their lives and conversation had in them much for me to follow.

CONFIRMATION.

What is true of the Parish is true of the Diocese, that the number confirmed is a test of growth. And this is true without reference to the age of the Candidates. The Church's life is dependent on even unborn generations, and it is the very genius of the Church to count on her infant and child membership.

Yet the number confirmed is only partially a test. We must regard the "leading of the rest of the life according to this beginning"—a beginning in the sense of the baptised "ratifying and confirming with their own mouth and consent." Hence the never coming to, or soon "abstaining from the Lord's Table," or a daily conversation in sad contrast to the vow, will diminish the satisfaction in the number. The significant "dropped" in the figures of Communicants in the Journal reports of Parishes, must be placed by the side of the number confirmed; and urges the "never ceasing labour, care and diligence," to bring to "ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ."

The number confirmed in 19 Parishes and 10 Missions and other places is 286.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

"The good hand of our God upon us," I am enabled to speak of some progress among our Parishes and Missions. I confine myself at this point to material advancement. Benton Harbor has cheered the hearts of its faithful Pastor and his little band, by the Consecration of the Church. Charlotte has proved that the revival to which I referred in my last address was no mere spasm, in the erection of a Church, worthy the name and yet not so costly but in time it may be taken out of the hands that so generously built it and become our own. Grand Rapids, through the active and generous Rector of St. Mark's, has Church accommodation in one of its fast growing suburbs, at present a proprietary Chapel. The Parish has added its Parochial School, and increases its efficiency by an Assistant Minister. St. Paul's has gained in numbers and interest where a little gain is noteworthy. Holland has seen its House of Prayer restored, not on the same ground or with the same size and dignity, yet all that is necessary for the place and parish. Ionia tells the works following of him, who was spared to them long enough to tell how great his loss, in its debt discharged and the call for Consecration. Kalamazoo has made its staff of Clergy. Luther has built a little Sanctuary, very humble, but better far than borrowed Church or hired hall. Ludington has made the house of God long since builded, the place where God's name is recorded, in its Consecration. Muskegon, although our desire has not been made to grow in the first stone laid of the Church it ought to have, has through its wise Rector taken possession of a point distant from the Church, by planting a simple Chapel. Manistee has its Church that must make its own to enjoy the full comfort and benefit. Newaygo owes to the one, St. Mark's, that could do it, the payment of its debt. Petoskey by removing and refitting what was generously given, expects soon to bid welcome residents and resorters to hallowed courts.

We should add, mention of the rising St. Mark's Hospital and Home, entirely a Parochial institution, yet speaking for the Diocese the Church's loving, dutiful remembrance of her Lord healing the sick and caring for the

stranger. And the addition to the Permanent Missionary Fund of \$1,259.30, from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Chambers, of Ann Arbor, a faithful parishioner and friend in my old charge. Of our Diocesan School I will speak later.

THE VACANCY AND SUPPLY, OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

The year has been distinguished rather by the length of what vacancies there have been, than the number. Albion and Homer, after a vacancy of a year, came under pastoral care in December. Big Rapids lost its Rector in September last, and having learned the more excellent way of immediately seeking a Shepherd of the sheep, in February welcomed a Rector in whom they are happy. It was not the fault of Elk Rapids that for a twelvemonth, while the Lord's day opened the sacred doors, there was no Priest to minister. The results of vacancy and removal have been diminished resources that has led them to divide the holy privileges with Traverse City. St. Paul's, Grand Rapids, has done well under lay charge which in time will prove clerical. Hastings ended in September, eighteen months not of vacancy but of the want of the Rectorship. You have heard how sadly as it seemed to us the pastorate so pleasant and promising came to an end after a year and a half at Ionia. The brother who served Hastings so well has kindly come to the Parish in its bereavement. Niles was supplied in December, and I had written some words of satisfaction in the termination of the long vacancy, when the Rector announced to me the resignation of his charge, and so the burden comes to fret and chafe again.

The following have received kind attentions in recognition that the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and I trust in appreciation of the sympathy and breadth of the Ministerial office. I name them with their benefactors. Holland, and St. Paul's, Grand Rapids, of the Rector of Grace, Grand Rapids, and Holland of the Rector of Allegan. Harbor Springs, of the Missionary at Petoskey. Clare, of the Missionary at Mt. Pleasant. Newaygo and Rockford and Sparta, of the Rector of St.

Mark's, Grand Rapids. Paw Paw and Schoolcraft, of the Clergy of Kalamazoo. Whitehall, of the Rector of Muskegon.

The General Missionary has chiefly taken under his charge Paw Paw, Union City, Sturgis, Luther, Greenville, Holland, Pentwater, Rockford, Stanton, East Jordan and Morley.

The summer recreation of the clergy gave Services to Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, and Traverse City. In future under this plan pastoral should be added to pulpit work.

Lay work has been effective at Pentwater, Holland, Elk Rapids, Charlotte, Albion, Homer, Ludington, under Lay Readers, while at other points earnest women have met to receive the promise.

The points where there are only the memorials of past work, are, Three Rivers, where there is the goodly Church locked with indifference; Union City, where lukewarmness holds in check the right mind and heart of the few; Eaton Rapids, with a Church I wish we could transport to where it would be cherished; Saranac, where the House of God, torn and stript by the lightning, tells too plainly how all is of the past; Baldwin, whose day of prosperity was so brief; Coopersville, that died when a good woman who had the Church in her heart as it was daily before her eye, was carried to the burial; Evart with a lot that is withheld from our trust; Tustin, that has a Church loaned that it may not be destroyed.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Missionary work in our Diocese has been carried on with the difficulties and anxieties inseparable from it. Nine Clergymen are receiving stipends from the funds of the Diocese and the grant of the General Board amounting in all for the year to \$2,768.75. Special grants have been made to the amount of \$385.40. The number of places regularly served by the Missionaries is 12, the General Missionary extending constant care to 11. In all, 46 places are brought more or less under Church influences.

The funds would have allowed the employment of another General Missionary during the latter part of the

year, could a suitable person have been found. The recent illness of our present Missionary, of whose recovery we may say, "God had mercy on him, but not on him only but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow," has furnished an additional argument for what we have so long desired. Some of our good beginnings must suffer unless Clerical Services are increased, and there is no plan so feasible as a General Missionary in each Convocation.

Funds for Church erection have been supplied by the interest on the Curtis Fund and the gifts of individuals. My appeal for the offerings of the children on the Epiphany Sundays, elicited but little sympathy. I can conceive of no intenser parochial selfishness than to take the children's little gifts to buy Church furniture, pay Church debts, or even meet Sunday School bills.

Our Missionary work has its inherent difficulties. It is commonly our lot to come to a community that has sent out no cry of religious destitution, that is even struggling with more sectarian organizations than it can support, and hence is jealous of intrusion. Then, the holding its own or the gradual advance, is about the utmost of our villages and minor towns. The work demands great patience and perseverance and the "large share of prudence." It is a fatal error to lose sight of the education and tastes of the people out of whom we must make our Mission. What may be acceptable or at least may be tolerated among Churchmen "to the manor born;" may raise the old and effective cry of Romanism, or give the opportunity for the potent weapon of ridicule; where the Church is utterly a stranger to the extent that scarcely a Church term is known, and even the simplest time honored forms and ceremonies are strange things to the eyes and ears of all but the little band of original Churchmen.

It is very painful to see a Minister whose heart is true to Christ and his Church, making "adversaries" with what "open door" there may be; by insisting on all the form and feature that belong to the Parish of age with all the appliances that naturally attach to it; and when his work

fails, retiring disheartened. The ideal may be all right, but while we work toward it we must take things as they are.

There is a hindrance of our Missionary work in the disposition to hold fast to Missionary aid than generously to relieve the Board. Missions will even act on the assumption that a certain sum is their inalienable right. The Canon reads: "After the second year a reduction of not less than ten per centum on the sum appropriated to each Mission or Missionary shall be made annually, unless sufficient reason be given for a continuance of the full amount." (Canon XIX, Sec. 6.) The "sufficient reason," does not exist when the officers of the Mission are not exerting themselves to call out its resources, or its members are stinting their subscriptions because the Board will not let the Missionary suffer.

THE CHURCH IN GRAND RAPIDS.

I need not again put on record what it seems to me the interests of certain Parishes demand, but I may state serious thoughts that I have about the future of the Church in our chief city. It is of first importance that the Church should be made strong and active in Grand Rapids. It is, and it must continue to be, the only great city in our lines. It has, and it gathers in from weaker Parishes, often sadly to their injury, the Church wealth. So there is the importance and the opportunity of Church prominence.

The true policy as it seems to me to promote this end is, to strengthen our established Churches, rather than attempt anything beyond Sunday Schools and occasional Services at new points. The old Parish alone is in a condition of comfortable support. Grace Church needs attractiveness and enlargement to assume the dignity of a city parish. Trinity lives only as it has outside aid, and St. Paul's gives a living only with very strictest economy. What may be secured for Church work in the city will be best used in strengthening these Parishes. The different Denominations of Christians have so extended their city Missionary work that there are no points where we could

look for anything more than feeble beginning and slow progress.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND THE CONVO- CATIONS.

The Semi-Annals have been held at Allegan and Muskegon. The Convocations at Ludington and Charlotte, the Quiet Day was at Hastings. It is to me matter of painful surprise, that the people in the Parishes where these gatherings occur take so little interest in them. I refer to their presence at the Services, the hospitality is all we could ask. We might think that the mere fact of so many Clergymen leaving their homes and their duties, would bring the parishioners out of their houses. The programmes certainly recognize living interests, and are varied in topic avoiding the entirely religious and churchly. Perhaps it would be well for us to go into a Parish only on the invitation that would create obligation.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

One of our ties with the Church as a whole in these United States is, our bearing our part as a Diocese in sustaining pecuniarily the instrumentalities of stability and extension. We should feel mortified to appear in her Councils and claim a voice, when we had refused to lift her burdens. "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" have the first claim on any Diocese after its own greatest needs. This is so far recognized, that with slight exception the Parishes and Missions contributed something for the year ending September 1, 1888, and the aggregate was \$362,43 in excess of the contributions of the preceding year.

SOCIETIES IN THE CHURCH.

Our duty of interest and contribution beyond our own lines reaches to all organizations that enter into Church life. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry has to meet a very unreasonable feeling, that men must make their way into the Ministry as they do into any other calling. Every body of Christians has felt the necessity of

helping the seekers of its ministry. With our scarcely increasing clerical list and the tendency to hurry into the Ministry without college or seminary, this is no time for the Church to refuse her Postulants and Candidates care and sympathy beyond Canonical record. What a strong Diocese may dispense with, we in our weakness, need, and the Society is aiding one of our Candidates, receiving in return by the last report a small contribution from one Parish.

The American Church Building Fund Commission would soon reach its million, if the Church had the tithe of interest in its object, that its special agent has in pressing its claims. Unwillingly we detain \$500 of its limited capital in one of our own Missions. The Diocese sent to the Treasury \$117.82 for the year ending September 1, '88.

The Rev. A. W. Mann, the Western Missionary for Deaf Mutes, is so often with us, and so frequently has his Candidates for Confirmation, that we almost count him one of our Clergy. The Ephphatha Sunday brings part of our stipend granted him, and helps the Treasury of the general Society.

The Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies claim Whitsunday by historical association for their Treasuries. Their frequent and generous gifts to our Missions should bring to their treasuries more than \$53.51 with which they credit us.

There are other claims that should be heard according to their weight and our ability. Nashotah appeals especially to its gradnates. The Church Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews is associated with Good Friday, and has the argument, that "prayers and alms come up for a memorial before God." Its last annual acknowledgment credits Western Michigan \$58.26.

These and other good causes ought to be heard before our people. A monthly service in their interests is the best suggestion I can make. I am sure that it could be made interesting and profitable.

The Woman's Auxiliary has made, as it always does, a good record. We must credit it with one third our

contribution to the Society, and the valuation of its boxes was put at \$413.51. The obligations for the present year are for Mrs. Miles salary \$225; for Indian Scholarship \$60; for the Bishop Gillespie Scholarship, Tokio, Japan, \$40; for the Babycot Hospital, Shanghai, China, \$30.

THE AKELEY INSTITUTE.

Much of my time has been occupied in connection with the organization and support of our Diocesan School.

A brief narrative in connection with both will not be out of place.

The Trustees nominated by the Convention, with the exception of Messrs. Torrent, Uhl, Champlin, and Heald, who declined to act, proceeded to carry out the instructions of the Convention, "to take all necessary steps to perfect the organization of the College." At their first meeting, it was determined to open the School in September. Subsequently, Mrs. Abbie E. Wilkinson was appointed Principal, and the Rev. James E. Wilkinson, Ph. D., Rector. Measures were taken to furnish the School, and to prepare a School House by alteration of a building on the grounds. Owing to the difficulty of securing the attendance of the large body of Trustees and the need of immediate action, much that was done was informal. No contract between the Principal and Trustees has been executed. Experience soon revealed the necessity that the pecuniary support should be under the immediate charge of the Principal, while we were assured that the best judgment would be used.

When the Trustees came to take action "to perfect the organization of the College," they were met by an amendment of the "Act to provide for the incorporation of institutions of learning" (Public Acts No. 77, 1883) which had escaped the attention of the Convention.

This existing law reads—"When stock, legacies, bequests, or donations to the amount of five thousand dollars for any such seminary, academy, or other institution of learning, so intended to be founded and established, shall have been or may hereafter be in good faith subscribed or

given, and fifty per cent thereon actually paid in, as herein required, such persons (referring to a previous clause) may elect trustees for such college, seminary, academy, or other institution of learning." Sec. 1.

This in the judgment of the legal gentlemen of the Trustees debarred a College organization, as "fifty per cent in money," on the fifty thousand capital, had not "been paid in."

The proposed organization therefore took the form of an institution of learning under the title of Akeley Institute.

On more careful examination of this Act than the Convention through its committee had been able to make, grave doubts arose as to the legality of the proceedings of the Convention in *electing* Trustees of Akeley College."

It was therefore judged prudent to begin *de novo* and comply literally with the statute, by forming "a Corporation for the purpose of founding and establishing an institution of learning." The names selected by the Convention, excluding the four who had declined to serve, were chosen, to become a Corporation, with the addition of the Rev. J. N. Rippey, whose services already rendered entitled him to this connection with the enterprise.

Owing to delay from various causes in getting the required signatures of those incorporating, the "Articles of Association" were not put on record until April '89.

In the meanwhile at a Meeting held on February 12, 1889, a provisional organization was effected by the election of a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an Executive Committee of three.

The organization was finally perfected at a Meeting held at Grand Haven, May, 13. when permanent officers and an Executive Committee were appointed.

The Contributions for furnishing, changes in the building, taxes due January 1, '88, insurance and advertising have been to June 1, '89. \$6031.15 of this sum \$1750.00 is for endowment. The contributions have come from Grand Haven \$2000, from the Diocese \$2453, from without the Diocese \$1578.15. We have reason to mention with gratitude the liberality of Messrs. Henning, Scotten, and Reynolds.

The predicted, though not actually promised, aid from Grand Haven citizens to the amount of \$5,000, has been realized only so far as two subscriptions of \$1,000 each, from Messrs. Cutler and Savidge.

The School has been, so far as the running expenses, self-sustaining from the first. This is due to the admirable manage-

ment of the Principal, and to the interest of the Instructors giving their services at a price far below their value.

For the coming year, while we are saved anxiety about the actual expenses of the School, we shall need the means to afford enlarged accommodation, and to increase the apparatus.

There should be provided for these purposes, and to discharge remaining debt, part owing to the liberal donor of the property, an obligation that should have been long since met, not less than \$1,500.

A general subscription seems to me the proper and only measure to take. Heretofore, while opportunity has been given for subscription of any amount, the effort has been to secure from persons of ability sums proportioned to the amount required.

From the time that this opportunity for Church education came to us so unexpectedly, the divine favor and help have been very manifest to those who have watched over the enterprise. Help has come from unexpected sources and the sudden emergency has been met.

Yet it must be painfully conceded that the clergy and laity of the Diocese generally have not realized the "open door set before us." Personally I have been grieved by the indifference. We might have expected that this opportunity of passing out of the weak condition of a Diocese of Parishes only, and securing what even the Missionary Districts regard as almost their first necessity, would have been welcomed. The fact stands out that with the exception of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, Coldwater, Battle Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Petoskey, the Parishes have rendered no aid beyond articles sent by the Ladies' Societies.

There is no justice in allowing a few to bear the burden of this good work, and those who have heretofore liberally opened their purses to meet our Diocesan wants. The sum from those who have only a local interest, and that from persons outside the Diocese, should make its appeal to Diocesan pride and attachment. I will only add to what I would gladly have left unsaid, that I have exhausted my resources personally and so far as appeals to my friends abroad.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

I include in my record, my work in connection with the State Board of Corrections and Charities, as it draws largely on my time and thought. I have made my annual Sunday visit to the Industrial Home for Girls at Adrian, and tried to urge and encourage these youth, oftener weak than vicious, to press on in the paths of virtue and religion. I have made ten other visits to State Institutions, have inspected 22 jails, and 8 Poor Houses,

to find in the former, improvements in new structures, more attention to conditions of health, and occasionally some discipline; and to be able to say of the latter, that, except that where the structures are old and unfit, there is a fair degree of proper care. Our State is not in the front rank as regards the reformation of the criminal and prison management, and so long as our biennial Legislature refuses measures of improvement their proper consideration, politics intrude where they have no right, and influences sway that are unfriendly to intelligent and unprejudiced decision, we are not likely to see any advance. I have attended the Conference of County Agents, and Convention of the State Board at Marquette and Grand Rapids, and monthly and other meetings of the Board. Beyond the State, I have attended the National Conference of Charities at Buffalo, and have visited four institutions in that city and three in Ohio.

BEARING TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH.

I turn from these details and suggestions all of value for our action and for record, to speak briefly of what rises in importance beyond our work here and concerns the Church in its widest bounds. If we regard society in much of its thought and speech on what is called religion, I think we must all be impressed with the demand for clear, earnest and constant Christian teaching. I speak not so much of the modern "profane and old wives' fables," the "philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men," which would appropriate to themselves Christian titles to help their leading captive silly men and women; nor of the more dignified sitting at the feet of heathen teachers and shouting the eureka over their utterances. Not so much of these that are only forms of unbelief that have been in all the Christian ages, but of what far more concerns the Christian teacher and the welfare of the Church, the tendency to what the Apostle would call "another Gospel which is not another." The departure is not so much from the form of sound words as it is from their time-honored catholic sense. "The faith once delivered to the saints" as this Church hath received the same, is subjected to a reasoning that proposes to lessen "the mystery of godliness," and make its truths more palatable to man's thoughts of himself and of his God. We even hear of a so-called school of thought in the Church significantly named the broad church school. No greater danger than this can threaten the Church. The faith of the Church is "the rock" on which Christ has "built" her. When she errs from the faith, she may well tremble to hear Him "who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," saying, "I will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent."

My Brethren of the Clergy, I charge you, be "instant in season and out of season," in the pulpit and out of it, with "all sorts and conditions of men," in "nourishing up in the words of faith and of good doctrine." "Give attendance to the reading" that will render you the intelligent defenders of the faith. My Brethren of the laity, I pray you sustain your ministers, "laboring in the word and doctrine." Rebuke the cry of people who, if they have sense in all things else, certainly sadly lack it in religion when they say, "we do not want doctrinal sermons." The Church's strength and safety are in "preaching doctrine practically, and practice doctrinally."

UNAUTHORIZED SERVICES.

I call the attention of the Clergy to the language of Canon 21, Sec. 1, Title 1. "Every Minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church; and in performing such service, no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed by the said Book."

The only exception to this prohibition is the liberty given in Canon 15, Sec. XIII, Title I. "The Bishop of each Diocese may compose forms of prayer or thanksgiving, as the case may require, for extraordinary occasions, and transmit them to each Clergyman within his Diocese. whose duty it shall be to use such forms in his Church on such occasions."

It is strangely at variance with Church law when services are introduced from manuals or any other source, solely on the authority of the Minister without even notice to the Ordinary. Such liberty would open the door on the one side to extemporaneous utterances, and on the other to borrowing from the service books of the Roman Catholic Church, or of any sect in Christendom. Need I say how inconsistent is this with the extreme care with which the Church makes the least alteration in her formularies of worship. The plea may not be entered, that these services are distinct from Morning and Evening Prayer; a service in the Church or the usual place of worship, to which the people are bidden, is an "occasion of public worship." Nor may the edification of such service be pleaded. "The discipline of Christ is to be ministered as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Church hath received the same;" and the Priest in the Church of God is to "teach the people committed to his care and charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same." Edification is inseparable from loyalty.

LEGISLATION.

I submit to the Convention in reference to the Constitution and Canons the following:

1. The Constitution, Art. 11, Sec. 1, has made no provision for an Assistant Minister in the Convention. The practice has been to admit a Clergyman in his position to a seat with full privileges.

2. Canon XIX, Sec. 3, reads "all Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop." The Mission having no power to elect a Minister, should not be competent to place itself under the charge, permanent or temporary, of the Minister of another Parish, without the consent of the Bishop.

The recent amendment to the Constitution, Art. XV, Sec. 10, relative to the duration of Corporations, a certified copy of which is laid before you, may affect our Parish organizations dating back over thirty years, and should have the attention of legal gentlemen in the Convention.

Though not calling for legislation further than the passage of a Resolution, this seems the proper place to suggest a disposition of the offering made on occasion of the Bishop's visitation. Heretofore no appropriation has been made of this offering, except when the Parish or Mission was vacant, when the Bishop has designated some Church purpose.

The Diocese has from its formation had the benefit of a so-called Bishop's Trust Fund. This Fund has been sustained almost entirely by gifts placed at the disposal of the Bishop, always reported to the Convention with their use. To sustain the fund with its past capacity, and enable it to meet demands not otherwise provided for it will be wise to appropriate the offering at a visitation to this purpose. One demand that must be met is pecuniary provision for our Candidates for Orders.

The call for an offering in the Ember week in September has been little heeded, and indeed this collection should go to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry aiding us much beyond our own outlay. The Bishop's traveling expenses will be a proper disposition. The necessities of Akeley have led me to divert funds at my disposal from this Fund.

THE PRESENT CONVENTION.

And now, brethren of the clergy and laity, in releasing your attention that you may proceed to the business of the Convention, permit me to urge that careful deliberation that is necessary to make our proceedings of worthy record, and to give to our assembling the value an annual Convention should possess. An

examination of late Journals will show omission, vagueness, and even contradiction, the result of unseemly haste and ignoring the regulation of a deliberative body. It is no pleasant task for the Chair to be constantly calling to order and enforcing rules of order. It is an impossible task for a Secretary to keep the minutes of a body ignorant of or indifferent to parliamentary rule.

Let our proceedings be marked by the dignity that in all things belongs to the Church of God.

BENEDICTION.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

JOURNAL OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

1888.—June 5, 7, 8, Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday, GRAND HAVEN, S. John's, the Convention. Of the Clergy in charge of Parishes and Missions, all but one, prevented by sickness, were present. Nineteen Parishes and Missions were represented by twenty-five laymen. The acceptance of the gift for a Diocesan School, or the measures required to effect the organization, mainly occupied the attention of the Convention. Other business of importance was the adoption of the Canon, "Of the Solemn Nomination or the choosing of a Bishop," the amendment of the Canon, "of the Missions of the Diocese," to give wider scope to the use of the funds. Of the little band of lay delegates two have passed away—Mr. Clement Wakelee, from S. Thomas Church, Battle Creek, and Mr. Charles B. Mosher from S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids. Both were active in their Parishes and interested in the Diocese.

June 10, Second Sunday after Trinity, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrew's, officiated morning and evening, and at the latter service confirmed two.

June 11, Issued a Pastoral to S. Paul's, MUSKEGON, on the erection of a new church.

June 17, Third Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Paul's, A. M. officiated. Appointed Mr. C. A. Eaton as Lay Reader, with compensation from the Parish.

June 18. Issued a Pastoral to S. James', ALBION, on the vacancy of the Parish.

June 20, Wednesday evening, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, lectured.

June 24, Fourth Sunday after Trinity, CHARLEVOIX, Christ Mission, A.M. officiated.

July 1, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, HOLLAND, Grace, officiated at both services.

July 3, Tuesday, GRAND RAPIDS, meeting of the Trustees of Akeley Institute.

July 4-11, BUFFALO, attended the National Conference of Charities, and on Sunday evening made an address on prison reform. The usual interest and value attended the Conference.

July 15, 7th Sunday after Trinity, GRAND HAVEN, S. John's, A. M., preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, made an address mainly on the late Conference of Charities.

July 16, Monday, GRAND HAVEN, meeting of the Trustees of Akeley Institute.

July 17, Tuesday, GRAND RAPIDS, meeting of the Board of Missions, to make the annual appropriations.

July 22, 8th Sunday after Trinity, NILES, Trinity, officiated twice. My visit was to urge the Parish, and especially the Vestry, to terminate their long deprivation of services and sacraments.

July 24, Tuesday, GRAND HAVEN, meeting of the Committee to organize the School.

July 29, 9th Sunday after Trinity, CHARLEVOIX, P. M., officiated at the Resort. Evening, assisted in the services at the village.

August 5, 10th Sunday after Trinity, MARQUETTE, attending a Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities. A. M., officiated in S. Paul's Church, in the absence of the Rector.

August 12, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, EAST JORDAN, held three services with the Holy Communion at the second.

August 18, Saturday, ELK RAPIDS, in reference to filling the Rectorship.

August 19, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, TRAVERSE CITY, Grace, officiated at two services. The Church property had had some needed attention.

August 24, Issued a Pastoral in reference to the decease of Bishop Harris.

August 26, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, A. M. HARBOR SPRINGS, S. John's, officiated to a congregation chiefly of resorters. P. M. PETOSKEY, Emmanuel Mission, preached and was present at a Parish meeting. Services held in amusement halls and hotels have reduced the attendance at the Churches.

September 2, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, GREENVILLE, S. Paul's Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. A Postulant had acted as Lay Reader during his vacation. At this time there was a subscription to secure a Minister. It was long before I could meet their wants, and was then informed, that the effort had failed. It is often so, the iron cools before we can strike, the Bishop is commonly blamed but the man must be found before he can be sent.

September 4, Tuesday, 9 A. M. administered the Holy Communion in S. Paul's Church, DETROIT, and at a later hour participated in the funeral services for the late Diocesan. The weeping congregation made an Abel Mizraim of the Church.

September 9, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Paul's, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

September 11, 12, Tuesday, Wednesday, the Grand Rapids Convocation, LUDINGTON, Grace Church. Eight clergymen were present. On Wednesday, A. M., the Church was consecrated, the sermon preached by the Rev. Robert Lynn. This was the comforting consummation of the persevering and often painful labors through years of the Rector. He has had to withstand more than indifference.

September 13, Thursday, AKELEY INSTITUTE, was present at the opening of the term, and made a brief address. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," was the tone of feeling and remark.

September 16, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrew's, officiated twice in the vacant Parish, and met the Vestry.

September 18, 19, Tuesday, Wednesday, CHARLOTTE, Grace Mission, the Kalamazoo Convocation; seven Clergymen were present. The interest of the people proved, what I have always thought, that the feeble places are just where these gatherings should be.

September 21, Friday, AKELEY INSTITUTE, Trustee meeting.

September 20, Thursday, GRAND RAPIDS, offered the prayer at the dedication of the City Hall.

September 23, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, ROCKFORD, S. James' Mission, officiated morning and evening. The Mission has recently paid the interest on its loan from the Church Building Commission. For the principal, the Commission must look to the Diocese.

September 30, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, HOLLAND, Grace, officiated twice.

October 1, Monday, MUSKEGON, relative to the interests of Akeley Institute.

October 5, Authorized a Prayer for use during the Presidential canvass.

October 7, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, ELK RAPIDS, S. Paul's. A sudden attack of faintness interrupted the services. I received the kind attention of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Noble, and returned home the next day thankful for no greater penalty of imprudence.

October 14, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, GRAND HAVEN, S. John's, A. M., preached. Evening, made an address.

October 15, Monday, GRAND RAPIDS, attended a Meeting of the City Pastors, and promised a paper on Associated Charities, subsequently presented.

October 17, Wednesday, Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, officiated in the absence of the Rector.

October 21, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, PAW PAW, S. Mark's, officiated at three services with the Holy Communion and Baptism. At the latter service observed Prison Sunday.

Services here are in the line of "helping women who labor in the Gospel."

October 23, 24, Tuesday, Wednesday, NASHOTAH, attended a Retreat for the students conducted by the Bishop of Chicago, with addresses full of deep spiritual thought and for which I was personally grateful. Was present at the meeting of the Trustees. The current expenses had been met, but by using a bequest of \$5000 given without restrictions. The indebtedness of the Home is about \$24,000. There were nineteen students in residence.

October 25, Thursday, MILWAUKEE, the Cathedral, attended the funeral of Bishop Welles. The services were very expressive of the Christian hope. There was no profusion of flowers, the casket bore only the palm leaves, and the drapery was not the sombre black.

October 28, Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, WHITEHALL, Church of the Redeemer, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. There is less church life here than need be.

November 1, All Saint's Day, Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at S. Mark's Church, presided, introduced Miss Emery, the Secretary, who favored the Auxiliary with her presence and useful addresses. On the following morning I administered the Holy Communion, and the Rev. A. P. Greenleaf preached.

From October 4 to 12, I was in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, visiting 10 Parishes, ordering a Priest, and confirming 77. Soon after my Consecration, I was present at the first Convention of the Bishop of Southern Ohio. He was only six years beyond the Canonical age, and he seemed to have a promise of years and work that a much older man might envy. Yet except for the first few years of his Episcopate he has been disabled by sorrow and sickness, and now an assistant leaves him a Bishop only in name. Twice I have been glad to render him a little service and he has my sympathy, and my prayers that he may have the "Consolation in Christ."

November 16, Friday, presided at the union meeting of the Parishes at Trinity Church.

November 18, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, ALBION,

S. James', A. M., officiated in the vacant Parish with the Holy Communion. P. M., HOMER, Christ, officiated with the Holy Communion. The discourses were with regard to this being Temperance Sunday.

November 20, 22, ALLEGAN, Church of the Good Shepherd. The Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. With three exceptions all the Clergy of the Diocese in charge were present. Among the discussed subjects was, "Modern modes of raising money for Church purposes." I regret that Rectors and their people will resort to means that are in painful contrast with the Holy Church, and I observe that wherever these means are countenanced, the giving of the people rapidly degenerates into the most selfish disposition to appropriate almost entirely to their parochial purposes. The subject is admirably discussed in a pamphlet entitled, "The Religious Gift Enterprise," which I have placed in the hands of the Clergy.

November 25, Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity, CHARLOTTE, Grace Mission, officiated twice, and saw what convinced me that the Church here is indeed rising from the dust.

November 29, Thanksgiving Day, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrew's. I endeavored to hallow the day in the vacant Parish, and met the Vestry.

November 30, S. Andrew's Day and the Day of Intercession of Missions, GRAND RAPIDS, Grace. The addresses were hearty but though all the Church people were summoned there were few to hear. Says one, "A Church upon her knees can never be overthrown. A Church upon her knees can never be divided. A Church upon her knees has her whole way with God"—but how hard it is to get the Church upon her knees.

December 2, Advent Sunday, MUSKEGON, S. Paul's, preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion. The Rector has been Akeley's best clerical friend, and I was glad to give him this little assistance for the much time he has devoted in and for the School.

December 4, 5, Tuesday and Wednesday, devoted to the Annual Conference and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities at GRAND RAPIDS.

December 9, Second Sunday in Advent, NEWAYGO, S. Mark's, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. This Mission is a constant protest against the clerical plea, the people in the towns around us do not care for week day services, and the more frequent utterance that warrants it.

December 16, Third Sunday in Advent, STOCKBRIDGE, Michigan.

December 18, Wednesday, GRAND HAVEN, attending to matters of the School.

December 23, Fourth Sunday in Advent, The Industrial Home at ADRIAN. An epidemic of typhoid fever had lately carried off five girls, and an attempt to fire a cottage had placed five girls in the Detroit House of Correction.

December 25, Christmas Day, BATTLE CREEK, S. Thomas', A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion.

December 26, S. Stephen's Day, CHARLOTTE, my visit was to lay the corner stone, but the building was not sufficiently advanced.

December 27, Thursday, declined to allow use of a Church by a deposed Minister.

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January 6, Epiphany, MANISTEE, Church of the Holy Trinity. At an early service, confirmed 8, and administered the Holy Communion, at two subsequent services preached. It was a great pleasure after having for so many years held services in most inconvenient and unseemly places to worship in a Church; but I could wish that the Parish had not involved themselves in so heavy a debt. The Diocese has no large ability of assistance, aid from without scarcely pays for the effort to secure it, and regard should always be had to the depression and decline to which towns are liable.

January 11, Friday evening, GRAND RAPIDS, the monthly meeting of the Parishes at Trinity Church.

January 8, Tuesday, CHARLOTTE, with the General Missionary laid the corner stone, and made an address.

January 13, First Sunday after the Epiphany, WHITEHALL, Church of the Redeemer, officiated at two services with the Holy

Communion, at the evening service observed this as the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges.

January 16, Wednesday, GRAND RAPIDS, baptised an infant.

January 20 Second Sunday after the Epiphany, PENTWATER, S. James' Mission, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, confirmed 2, and baptised an infant. Here is a good sample of lay work.

January 27, Third Sunday after the Epiphany, UNION CITY, Grace, officiated twice with the Holy Communion, and confirmed 1. The Parish have asked the Rector of Coldwater to come over and help them.

February 1, Friday, AKELEY INSTITUTE.

February, 3, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, SCHOOL-CRAFT, officiated twice, and at the evening service confirmed 3. It is refreshing to have the services revived here after years of suspension.

February 7, Friday, GRAND RAPIDS, at the Men's Meeting of S. Mark's Church, urged the needs and claims of Akeley Institute.

February 10, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany, STANTON, Grace Mission, officiated twice, with the Holy Communion. The lukewarmness of some has discouraged those of a different spirit, hence the Sunday school and lay services are discontinued.

February 12, Tuesday, at AKELEY INSTITUTE.

February 11, Monday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, evening, confirmed four deaf mutes after services by the Missionary.

February 15, Friday, DETROIT. attended a funeral.

February 17, Septuagesima, LUDINGTON, Grace, preached twice and administered the Holy Communion. The Rector has assistance from the Lay Reader, very grateful, considering his impaired sight.

February 21, Thursday, GRAND RAPIDS, evening, attended a meeting in the interest of associated charities for the city.

February 24, Sexagesima Sunday, MT. PLEASANT, S. John's Mission, preached twice, confirmed 13, and administered the Holy Communion. The Parish has never been so flourishing.

February 26, Tuesday, attended a meeting of the Board of Missions.

February 26-27, Tuesday and Wednesday, HASTINGS, the Quiet Day for the Clergy. The evening services were, as usual, for the Laity. Ten Clergymen were present. The Rev. Mr. Blanchard, of Detroit, gave a sermon that could not but reach all minds and hearts.

March 3, Quinquagesima, ALLEGAN, the Good Shepherd; A. M. preached, confirmed 13, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, addressed the children.

March 4, Monday evening, OTSEGO, preached. The Rev. W. P. Law, of Allegan, has given some services here.

March 5, Tuesday, SAUGATUCK, All Saints', preached. 6th, Ash-Wednesday, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. The Church needs repairs.

March 10, first Sunday in Lent, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Paul's, preached, confirmed 5, and gave the privilege the Parish rarely has of the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated.

March 11, Monday evening, HOLLAND, Grace, the opening of the rebuilt Church. A brief service appropriate to the occasion preceded the Evening Prayer. Five Clergymen were present and participated in the services. Material from the old edifice, and furniture from the Church in Kalamazoo, have been used. The funded debt is about \$700. To Mr. C. A. Stevenson we are mainly indebted for this restoration. Coming to the Parish after the fire, by wise and earnest effort he has met the very peculiar difficulties of the case.

March 15, Monday in Lent, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Paul's, lectured.

March 17, second Sunday in Lent, MARSHALL, Trinity, preached twice, and confirmed 8. Some memorials of the late esteemed Senior Warden have been placed in the Church.

March 18, Monday, GALESBURG, visited one who soon after exchanged suffering for perfect peace.

March 20, Wednesday, called to IONIA by the death of the Rector, and on the following day, with six of the Clergy, officiated at his funeral. The burial was at Pontiac, his former home.

March 22, Friday evening, attended a meeting in reference to the plan of Associated Charities.

March 24, third Sunday in Lent, BATTLE CREEK, S. Thomas', preached twice, confirmed 8, and administered the Holy Communion.

March 25, Monday evening, ALBION, S. James', preached, and confirmed 16.

March 27, Wednesday, affairs of AKELEY INSTITUTE. March 29, Friday, at the desire of the Principal, met the girls for Lenten instructions and devotions. Here is where the Church School shows its value.

March 31, fourth Sunday in Lent, KALAMAZOO, S. Luke's, A. M., preached, and confirmed 25. Evening, preached after prayers by the Assistant Minister; P. M., preached at S. Barnabas, the Rector conducting the service.

April 3, fourth Wednesday in Lent, IONIA, S. John's, lectured.

April 7, fifth Sunday in Lent, GRAND HAVEN, preached twice, confirmed 10, and administered the Holy Communion.

April 9, fifth Tuesday in Lent, BIG RAPIDS, S. Andrew's, preached, and confirmed 9. The Church looks small compared with the condition and prospects of the Parish. I trust that the people will not let their opportunity pass by.

April 14, sixth Sunday in Lent, PETOSKEY, Emmanuel Mission, preached morning and evening, and in the afternoon spoke to the children. The confirmation of 21, the class including mature and prominent persons, showed the hold the Church has taken on the population.

April 15, Monday before Easter, HARBOR SPRINGS, evening, preached, confirmed 2, and gave the opportunity of the Holy Communion. The Mission lives according to its circumstances.

April 16, Tuesday before Easter, EAST JORDAN, P. M., baptized 1 and confirmed 2. Evening, confirmed 7 after sermon. A lot has been given and deeded.

April 19, Good Friday, HASTINGS, Emmanuel, A. M., preached; P. M., gave an instruction. Evening, preached, and confirmed 13. The stones are gathered for the foundation of a church. They make us feel as Jacob did "when he saw the

wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him"—"the spirit of Jacob their father revived."

April 21, Easter day, CHARLOTTE, Grace Mission. The Easter joy was intensified by the opening of the new church—its erection was so unexpected, its arrangements so complete. We can look now with fewer sighs on other spots of which we have to make the record, that the work has failed.

April 23, 24, 26, 27. On these days I was at Lansing, Detroit (St. Paul's), Owosso, and Fenton, administering Confirmation, at the request of the Standing Committee of Michigan. Ten years ago I was called to this same duty—how little did I think that I would ever be called to fill the place of their young and vigorous Bishop.

April 25, S. Mark's day, Grand Rapids, S. Mark's, preached and confirmed 11. The class would no doubt have been larger had not the Rector been called away.

April 28, First Sunday after Easter, GRAND RAPIDS, Grace, A. M., preached, and confirmed 21. Evening, Trinity Church, preached and confirmed 8. The Rector of S. Mark's has advised his people living in the vicinity of Grace, Trinity and S. Paul's, to give their presence and influence in those Parishes.

April 29. Monday, AKELEY INSTITUTE, an attempted meeting of the Trustees.

April 30, Tuesday, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, conducted with the Assistant Minister the Centennial services. The service set forth by the Bishop of New York was used.

May 1—3, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, MUSKEGON, S. Paul's, the Semi Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference. Fourteen clergymen were present, and the papers and discussions gave value to the meeting. Thursday A. M., confirmed 1.

May 5, Second Sunday after Easter, IONIA, S. Paul's, preached twice, confirmed 10, and administered the Holy Communion.

April 6—7, ANN ARBOR, BELLEVILLE, YPSILANTI, Diocese of Michigan.

May 12, Third Sunday after Easter, MUSKEGON, S. Paul's, A. M., preached, confirmed 11. P. M., S. Luke's Mission, made

an address, and confirmed 6. Evening, preached in the Parish Church.

May 16, PORT HURON, Diocese of Michigan.

May 19, Fourth Sunday after Easter, COLDWATER, S. Mark's, A. M., preached, and confirmed 16, and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., S. John's Mission, QUINCY, preached and confirmed 5.

May 20, 21, JACKSON and HENRIETTA, Diocese of Michigan.

May 26, Fifth Sunday after Easter, GRAND RAPIDS, S. Mark's, was present to welcome the Rector on his return and made a brief address.

May 27, Monday evening, BENTON HARBOR, preached, and confirmed 9.

May 28, Tuesday A. M., Consecration of the Church. "The instrument of donation and endowment," was read by the Warren, "the Sentence of Consecration," by the Rector, and the sermon preached by the Rev. C. C. Tate. A gift in memory of a young disciple extinguished the indebtedness. I rejoice that the Rector has seen this consummation of his anxiety, and labor even with his own hands. After services, confirmed 1 in private.

Evening, NILES, Trinity, preached and confirmed 7. The Rector had resigned after six months service—choir difficulties the assigned cause. More regard to the Rector's rights as defined by the Canon on the one hand; and waiting to appreciate the situation, prudent suggestion, and availing of the Bishop's influence, on the other; would have prevented what must be injurious to pastor and people.

May 29, Wednesday evening, PAW PAW, S. Mark's, preached, and confirmed 3.

June 2, First Second Sunday after Ascension Day, NEWAYGO, officiated twice. The Sunday School here is remarkable for size, for a large class of young men and young women, and an adult class. The Mission is one of our best.

June 4, Tuesday, BATTLE CREEK, attended the meetings preliminary to the Convention.

At all visitations, I have, when practicable, met the children in the Sunday School, and endeavored by addresses to teachers and scholars to raise the tone of our schools. I have also as I

had opportunity visited the sick and those unable to attend Church.

With a single exception, no Mission or Parish has been unvisited where any desire for services has been manifested or there seemed the prospect of accomplishing any special good.

June 4, Tuesday, BATTLE CREEK, attended the several meetings prior to the Convention.

LAY READERS.

[Holding License till Easter 1890.]

Mr. Joseph B. Murphy, Muskegon, S. Paul's, July 4, 1878.

George H. Cleveland, M. D., Pentwater, S. James' Mission, April 15, 1887.

Mr. William H. Stanhope, Ludington, Grace, November 19, 1887.

Mr. Louis S. Joy, Candidate for Holy Orders, General Theological Seminary, New York, December 1, 1887.

Mr. Charles A. Eaton, Candidate for Holy Orders, S. Paul's, Grand Rapids, June 24, 1888.

Mr. Horatio B. Lewis, Elk Rapids' S. Paul's, October 5, 1888.

Mr. John C. Jordan, East Jordan, Redeemer Mission, May 23, 1889.

Mr. Charles A. Stevenson, Holland, Grace Church.

Mr. Orr Schurtz, Charlotte, June 14, 1888.

POSTULANT.

Ernest Willoughby Jewell, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, July 29, 1884.

Harry Wright Perkins, S. Paul's, Manistee, January 16, 1888.

Herbert Parrish, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, December 7, 1888.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

George H. Cleveland, M. D., for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," March 9, 1887.

Martin Damer, "Candidate for the Priesthood," October 10, 1888,

Louis Schuyler Joy, "Candidate for the Priesthood," October 19, 1888.

Charles Arthur Eaton, Candidate for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," January 22, 1889.

George C. Jenner, for "the office and ministration of a Deacon only," May 20, 1889.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

[The date is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom transmitted.]

January 25, 1889.—The Rev. Montgomery S. Woodruff, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Resigned as Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, September 15, 1888.

May 15, 1889.—The Rev. J. E. Walton, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Cental New York. Resigned as Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall, January 31, 1887.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

[The date given is that of the acceptance by the Ecclesiastical Authority of Western Michigan.]

October 12, 1888.—The Rev. E. D. Irvine, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pittsburg. Entered on his duties as Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings, September, 1888.

October 10, 1888.—The Rev. Abner L. Frazer, Jr., from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Southern Ohio. Entered on his duties as Assistant Minister of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

December 8, 1889.—The Rev. F. W. White from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pittsburg. Entered on his duties as Rector of Trinity Church, Niles, November 25, 1888.

December 18, 1888.—The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Springfield. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. James' Church, Albion, and Christ Church, Homer, December 2, 1888.

March 28, 1889.—The Rev. W. Ball Wright, M. A., from the Bishop of Dublin, Ireland. The said Presbyter "exhibited to the Bishop satisfactory evidence of his pious and moral character, and of his theological acquirements;" and "he subscribed, in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese, and of the Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., and the Rev. E. D. Irvine, Presbyters, the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution. Title 1, Canon 10. Entered on his duties as Assistant Minister of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, March 31, 1889.

March 18, 1889.—The Rev. S. C. Thrall D. D., from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Springfield. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, with temporary charge of Grace Church, Traverse City on March 24, 1889.

May 22, 1889.—The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt from the

Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana. Entered on his duties as Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, February 15, 1889.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

June 11, 1889—The Rev. J. Rice Taylor resigned the charge of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. F. W. White resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Niles.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

September 12, 1888. Grace Church, Ludington.

May 28, 1889. The Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.

LAYING OF CORNER STONES.

January 8, 1889. Grace Church, Charlotte.

OPENING OF CHURCHES.

December 13, 1888. S. Paul's Church, Manistee, by the Rector.

March 11, 1889. Grace Church, Holland, by the Bishop.

April 21, 1889. Grace Church, Charlotte, by the Bishop.

MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

April 19, 1889. The Redeemer, East Jordan.

PASTORAL.

S. Andrew's Day, 1888. An Advent Pastoral.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

For Grace Church, Holland, from Newark, N. J., pd Mr. C. A. Stevenson,	\$25 00
From Miss Hess, Grand Rapids, paid Bishop's Trust Fund.....	10 50
From Ladies' Society in S. Luke's, Kalamazoo, paid Bishop's Trust Fund..	10 00
From S. John's Church, Saginaw City, through the Rev. B. F. Mattrau,	
sent to the Mission.....	50 00
From Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, through Rev. R. H. Payne, paid as	
requested.....	25 00
From the Scholars of Akeley Institute, paid the Bishop's Trust Fund.....	10 70
[Sundry sums for Akeley Institute, amounting to \$..... have been	
paid to the Treasurer, and will be acknowledged in his receipt.]	

MISSIONARY FUNDS FROM DOMESTIC BOARD.

Grant from the Board of Missions, September 1, 1888, to September 1, '89 1300 00

APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SAME.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft, General Missionary; Rev. C. T. Stout;
Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D.; Rev. N. S. Boardman; Rev. A.
E. Wells and Rev. J. B. Prichard.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

November 4, 1888—Rev. W. C. Sherman, Presbyter by the Bishop of Minnesota. Title II, Canon 5.

December 9, 1888—Rev. James S. Bush, "for causes not affecting his moral character." by the Bishop of New York. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

December 11, 1888—Rev. John N. Kilian, by the Bishop of Nebraska, "by his own request." Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

December 18, 1888—Rev. Howard T. Widdemer, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

December 23, 1888—Rev. J. J. A. Morgan, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Long Island, "he having renounced the Sacred Ministry." Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

January 21, 1889—Rev. John K. Morrison, Deacon, by the Bishop of Nebraska, "by his own request." Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

February 13, 1889—Rev. Frank M. Bayne, by the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1.

March 6, 1889—Rev. Sidney Wilbur, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Western New York, "in accordance with the finding and award of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese." Title II, Canon 2, Sec. 1. and Canon 2, Sec. 2.

April 20, 1888—Rev. Ernest Voorheis, Presbyter, by the Bishop of New York, "he having renounced the Holy Ministry," Title II, Canon 5, Sec. 1. "and for causes not affecting his moral character."

April 23, 1889—Rev. Henry Tuono Bray, I. L. D., a Presbyter, by the Bishop of Missouri. Title II, Canon 5. "This deposition is for causes not affecting the moral character of the one deposed, and follows upon the receipt of his renunciation of the Ministry, declared in writing, accompanying his request to be deposed."

June 15, 1888—George Franklin Pratt, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Massachusetts, "he having in writing renounced the Sacred Ministry and asked deposition therefrom. The said deposition was for causes not affecting his moral character."

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 28, 1888—In Detroit solemnized Matrimony.

August 5, 1888—In Marquette, officiated in S. Paul's Church.

September 4, 1888—In Detroit, participated in the funeral services for Bishop Harris.

October 23, 24, 1888—Nashotah, attended the Retreat con-

ducted by Bishop McLaren, and was present as Trustee in a meeting of the Board.

October 25, 1888—Milwaukee, participated in the funeral services for Bishop Welles.

November 4—12—The Diocese of Southern Ohio, by request of the Standing Committee performed Episcopal Services as follows: Christ Church, Dayton, preached, confirmed 9, and administered the Holy Communion. Ascension Chapel, preached and confirmed 7.

Trinity Church, Troy, preached and confirmed 7.

Christ Church, Springfield, preached and confirmed 18.

S. Paul's Church, Columbus, preached and confirmed 15.

Christ Church, Xenia, preached and confirmed 3.

Holy Trinity Church, Hartwell, preached and confirmed 7.

S. Luke's Church, Cincinnati, preached and confirmed 4.

November 12, Monday in S. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, ordered Priest, George Elliot Benedict, presented by the Rev. S. Benedict, D. D.

December 16, 1888—Acting by request of the Standing Committee of Michigan. Christ Church, Stockbridge, preached and confirmed 3.

February 15, 1889—In Detroit officiated at a funeral.

April 23, 24, 26, 27, May 6, 7, 16, 20, 21, 1889—The Diocese of Michigan, by request of the Standing Committee as follows: S. Paul's, Lansing, preached and confirmed 35. S. Paul's Church, Detroit, preached and confirmed 62. Christ Church, Owosso, preached and confirmed 12. S. Jude's Church, Fenton, preached and confirmed 14. S. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, preached and confirmed 32. S. Luke's Church, Ypsilanti, preached and confirmed 44. Belleville, preached and confirmed 8. Grace Church, Port Huron, preached and confirmed 26 from that Parish, and 14 from S. Paul's Church Ft. Gratiot. S. Paul's Church, Jackson, preached and confirmed 27. Christ Church, Henrietta, preached and confirmed 7.

SUMMARY.

Baptized (infants 8).....	8
Married.....	2
Buried.....	1
Preached.....	128
Addresses delivered, not including Confirmation.....	36
Children's Services and Addresses.....	32
Celebrated the Holy Communion.....	36
Confirmed in 19 Parishes, 9 Missions, and 1 other place.....	285
Meetings and Conferences.....	50
Organized Parishes, visited 25; Missions, 16; other places, 1; of these, without regular services, 19; visited twice, 30; three times, 6; four times, 2.	

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

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Total number of visitations.....	81
Clergymen received.....	7
Clergymen transferred.....	2
Clergymen in the Diocese changing Parishes and resigning Parishes.....	2
Services participated in.....	183
Visits to Schools and Colleges.....	17
To State Institutions at home and and abroad.....	20
To Jails 22, and Poor Houses 8.....	30

*GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

APPENDIX "B."

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

DIGEST OF THE CANONS, TITLE I, CANON XVII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of its Rectorship.

S. JAMES CHURCH, ALBION, CALHOUN COUNTY (1840).

The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Rector (1888).

C. H. Daskam, Creighton Lane, Wardens.

The Rector, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 26; total, 30. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 91; confirmed during the year, 16. Communicants—Last reported, 82; admitted, 16; received, 1; total added, 17. Died, 1; removed, 7; suspended 1; total lost, 9; present number—male 12, female 78, total 90. Marriages, 1; burials, 6. Public services—Sundays 54, Holy days 15, week days 207, total 276. Holy Communion—public, 48; private, 5. Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 95; children 110; total, 205. of these Baptized persons, —. Catechizing—number of times, 15. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female 4; total 1, 6. Pupils, male, 30; female, 45; total 75. Average attendance, 50. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 10. Names of Parochial Societies—S. Elizabeth's Guild, S. James' Sunday School Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$140.73; the envelope system, \$220.82; subscriptions, \$73.49; individual gifts, \$48.70; Women's Associations, \$225.59; the Sunday School, \$13.00; the Sunday School Guild, \$78.59; total, \$900.92.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 14 32
For the Rector's salary (paid to May 16, '89).....	242 50
For Insurance.....	54 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	130 47
For interest on debt.....	93 17
For repairing and tuning organ.....	15 00
Paid on indebtedness, (am't due at last convention \$700).....	200 00

Balance in hand.....	50 96
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$800 92
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	\$3 00
Church Building Fund.....	2 50
Total for Diocesan objects.....	5 50
Total of offerings.....	\$ 806 42

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$5,000. Indebtedness, floating \$500. Salary of the Rector, \$525. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; organ, \$500; total \$3,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all.

This report is from Dec. 1st, 1888, when the present Incumbent took charge of the Parish. Bishop's Address, pages 84-94-100-105.

GOOD SHEPHERD. ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY (1858).

The Rev. Woodford P. Law, Rector (1897).

Wm. B. Williams, Dan. J. Arnold, Wardens.

C. R. Wilkes, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 3; total 4. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 110; confirmed during the year, 13. Communicants—Last reported, 93; admitted, 15; received, 1; total added, 16. Died, 2; removed, 3; total lost, 5; present number—male, 31; female, 73; total, 104. Marriages, 9; burials, 8. Public services—Sundays, 90; Holy days, 50; week days, 40; total, 180. Holy Communion—public, 25. Congregation—Families, 60; adults, 170; children, 100; total, 270; of these, baptized persons, 160. Catechising—number of times, 10. Sunday School: Teachers and officers, male 4, female 6, total 10. Pupils, males 20, females 50, total 70. Average attendance, 50. Number of Volumes—Parish Library, 25; S. S. Library, 200. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 16. Names of Parochial Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Ladies' Aid, Girls' Friendly, S. Andrew's Guild, Ministering League. Have held Missionary services in Otsego 6, and Holland 6 times.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$172.46; the envelope system, \$908.27; subscriptions, \$54.50; Women's Associations, \$129.35; the Sunday School, \$70; other sources, \$20; total, \$1,354.58.

Disbursements—

Aims at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 49 32
For the Rector's salary (paid to April 5, 1889).....	829 33
For other salaries.....	37 00
For Insurance.....	35 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	53 62
Paid on indebtedness.....	70 23
By the Sunday School, for expenses.....	50 00
Balance in hand.....	75 00
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1,190 50
Assessment of the Convention.....	54 50

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	4 33
Services for Deaf Mutes.....	5 00
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese.....	32 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Mission.....	20 00
" " " Church building.....	10 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$125 83
Foreign Missions.....	4 09
Missions for Colored People.....	3 88
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	3 21
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	4 57
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions.....	2 50
" " " for Bishop's Scholarship.....	5 00
" Ministering League, for Mrs. Miles' work.....	15 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	38 25
Total of offerings.....	\$1,354 58
Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; Organ, \$1325; total, 8,825. Indebtedness Floating, \$100; secured, \$750. Salary of the Rector, \$900 and Rectory. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,000; organ, \$1,000; total, \$5,000. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all.	

Bishop's Address, pages 101-104.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY (1871).

The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, Rector (1889).

Calvin W. Nottingham, William D. Smith, Wardens.

Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total, 6. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 119; confirmed during the year, 9. Communicants—Last reported, 105; admitted, 9; total added, 9. Died, 2; total lost, 2. Present number—male, 19; female, 95; total, 114. Marriages, 2; burials, 3. Public services—Sundays, 48; Holy days, 13; week days, 19; total, 80. Holy Communion—Public, 8. Congregation—Families, 55; adults, 130; children, 45; total, 175; of these, baptized persons, 159. Catechising—number of times, 12. Sunday School—Teachers, male 2, female 14 total, 16; pupils, male 33, female 55, total 90; average attendance, 70. Number of volumes S. S. Library, 175. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 15.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

Cash on hand last report, \$76.35. The receipts have been from the Offertory \$225.75; the envelope system, \$188.39; subscriptions, \$132.50; Women's Associations, \$118.90; rent of Rectory, \$45.81; the Sunday School, \$67.68; other sources, \$37.21; total, \$1,492.59.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to May 15, '89).....	\$ 608 33
For other salaries.....	124 25
For repairs on the Rectory.....	43 42

For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	67 12
The increase and improvement of church property, and repairs..	58 64
Paid on indebtedness and interest, (am't due at last convention, \$82.12).....	156 12
State S. grading tax and dirt.....	100 00
Sidewalk tax.....	106 00
Waterworks.....	31 00
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School.....	50 99
Rector's moving expenses.....	38 00
Balance in hand.....	11 92
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1,395 79
Diocesan Missions.....	50 00
Assessment of the Convention.....	46 80
Total for Diocesan objects.....	96 80
Total of offerings.....	\$1492 59
Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$3,500; Rector, \$1,400; total, \$4,900.	
Indebtedness—Secured, \$275. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,800; Rector, \$600; other property, \$650; total, \$3,050. Capacity of the Church building.—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all.	
Bishop's Address, pages 96-101-105.	

S. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATTLE CREEK, CALHOUN COUNTY (1842).

The Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf, Rector, (1887.)

Charles F. Bock, George Willard, Wardens.

The Rector, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 23; adults, 7; total, 30. Confirmed during the year, 8. Communicants—Last reported, 164; admitted, 8; received, 5; total added, 13. Died, 3; removed, 9; total lost, 12. Present number—male, 31; female, 134; total, 165. Marriages, 5; burials, 19. Public services—Sundays 91, Holy days 15, week days 44, total 150. Holy Communion—Public 35, private 7. Congregation—Families 90, adults 240, children 145, total 385. Sunday school—Teachers and officers—Male 3, female 6, total 9. Pupils—Male 35, female 50, total 85. Average attendance, 62. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid, Woman's Auxiliary, Building Chapter.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$534.60; pew rents, \$127.21; subscriptions, \$136; Women's Associations, \$149.91; income from investments, \$195; Sunday School, \$69.59; other sources, \$13.50; total, \$2425.81.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to April 1st, '89).....	\$ 1205 71
For other salaries.....	119 17
For repairs on the Rectory.....	13 70
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	686 91
Increase and improvement of church property—chapel carpet and chairs.....	110 00
By the Sunday School, for . S. expenses.....	25 67

Balance in hand.....	2 32
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$2163 48
Diocesan Missions.....	100 00
Assessment of the Convention.....	89 30
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	13 50
Woman's Auxillary, aid in the Diocese.....	15 61
Total for Diocesan objects.....	218 41
By the Sunday School, for General Missions.....	28 39
for Jacksonville, Florida.....	10 28
for Bishop Gillespie Scholarship.....	5 25
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	43 92
Total of Offerings.....	\$2425 81
Value of Church Property.—The Church and Chapel, \$24,000; Rectory, \$1800; total, \$25,800; Salary of the Rector, \$1000; Insurance on the Church, \$7000. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 400.	
Bishop's Address, pages 102-105.	

S. MARK'S CHURCH, COLDWATER BRANCH COUNTY, (1848.)

The Rev. Henry Hughes, Rector, (1886).

Noah P. Loveridge, Moses Smith, Wardens.

Harry P. Woodward, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 17, adults 6, total 23. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 171. Confirmed during the year, 16. Communicants—Last reported, 15; admitted, 16; received, 2; total added, 18. Died, 1; removed, 9; dropped, 2; total lost, 12. Present number—male 42, female 129, total 171. Marriages, 6; burials, 4. Public services—Sundays 90, Holy days 6, week days 50, total 146. Holy Communion—Public, 20. Congregation—Families 84; adults 200, children 120, total 320. Of these, baptized persons, 261. Catechizing, monthly. Sunday School teachers and officers—male 4, female 8, total 12. Pupils—Male, 43; female, 84; total, 127. Average attendance, 88. Number of volumes S. S. Library, 276. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 20. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxillary. Have held Missionary services in Quincy, S. John's Church, Sundays 26 times, week days 12.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$261.12; pew rents, \$797.84; the envelope system, \$359.56; subscriptions, \$436.24; Women's Associations, \$591.13; the Sunday school, \$131.02; other sources, \$335.25; total, \$2912.16.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 42 29
For the Rector's salary, (paid to June 1st).....	1000 00
For other salaries.....	236 32
For repairs on the Rectory.....	144 29
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	395 35
Increase and improvement of church property.....	211 50

Paid on indebtedness.....	500 00	
By the Sunday School, for its support.....	101 02	
Total for Parochial objects.....		2630 77
Diocesan Missions.....	60 00	
Assessment of the Convention.....	68 80	
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	15 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions.....	20 00	
Total for Diocesan objects.....		163 80
Domestic Missions.....	15 00	
Foreign Missions.....	15 00	
Indian Missions.....	10 00	
Missions for colored people.....	10 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies.....	3 58	
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	2 76	
American Church Building Fund commission.....	7 25	
Woman's Auxillary Aid.....	27 00	
By the Sunday School, for General Missions.....	10 00	
For sufferers by yellow fever—from Parish.....	17 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....		117 59
Total for offerings.....		\$2912 16
Value of Church Property.—The church, \$14,000; chapel, 2,500; Salary of the Rector, \$1,000 and house. Insurance on the Church, \$6,000; other property, \$1,500; total \$7,500. Capacity of the Church building, 400; of these, free, 125; rented, 275. Bishop's Address, page 107		

S. PAUL'S, ELK RAPIDS, ANTRIM COUNTY (1870).

- The S. C. Thrall, S. T. D., M., Rector, (1889).

Charles D. Towne, Horatio B. Lewis, Wardens.

Horatio B. Lewis, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 10, adults, 1; total 11. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 43. Communicants—Last reported, 49; received, 5; total added, 5. Died, 1; removed, 14; total lost, 15; present number—male, 9; female, 30; total 39. Burials, 3. Public services—Sundays, 44; Holy days, 20; week days, 38; total 102. Holy Communion—public, 12; private, 1. Congregation—Families, 34; adults, 55; children, 53; total, 108; of these baptized persons, 91. Catechising—number of times, 12. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 6; total, 10. Pupils, male, 40; female, 25; total, 65. Average attendance, 50. Number of volumes—S. S. Library, 74. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Name of Parochial Society—S. Agnes Guild. Have held Missionary services in Traverse City.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts--

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$122.14; the envelope system, \$44.80; subscriptions, 30; the Sunday School, \$39.81; other sources, \$11.00; total, \$307.75; balance on hand, 1888, \$44.42; total \$352.17.

Disbursements—	
For the Rector's salary.....	\$40 00
For other salaries, occasional services.....	50 80
For insurance.....	35 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	44 34
For interest.....	30 00
For the Sunday School.....	18 11
By the S. S., for library.....	30 00
Balance on hand.....	49 22
Total for Parochials objects.....	297 47
Assessment of the Convention,	46 70
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	51 70
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	3 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	3 00
Total of of offerings.....	\$352 17
Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$5,381.77. Indebtedness,—Floating, \$300. Salary of the Rector, \$575. Insurance.—On the Church, \$3,500. Capacity of the Church building.—Whole number of sittings, 250; of these, free, all.	

Traverse City and Elk Rapids pay Rector 1,000, having alternate Sundays. Parish was without a Rector from Easter 1888 to the third Sunday in Lent, 1889. Bishop's Address, pages 84-85-98.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY (1866).

The Rev. James Edward Wilkinson, Ph. D., Rector, (1888)

John Macfie, George D. Sanford, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 6; total 14. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 133; confirmed during the year, 10; communed during the year, 77. Communicants—last reported, 103; admitted, 15; received 5; total added, 20. Died, 1; removed, 3; not found, 12; total lost, 16; present number, male, 30; female, 77; total, 107. Marriages, 3; burials, 5. Public services—Sunday, 158; Holy days, 49 week days, 73; total, 230. Holy Communion—public, 71. Congregation—Families and parts, 65; adults, 103; children, 73; total 176; of these baptized persons, 176. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total 12. Pupils, male 31; female, 40; total 71. Average attendance, 60. Number of volumes—S. S. library, 171. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 10. Names of Parochial Societies, Women's Guild, Altar Society, Woman's Auxiliary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$382.54; subscriptions, \$548.42; individual gifts, \$35.00; Woman's Associations, \$327.23; the Sunday School \$74.86; other sources, \$29.68; total \$1,427.73.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....\$ 15 45

For the Rector's Salary.....	708 07
For other Salaries.....	53 00
For Insurance.....	100 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	69 92
New Furnace.....	40 00
Special Charity.....	35 00
Paid on indebtedness, (am't due at last convention, \$278.18).....	107 17
Interest on Note and Rectory.....	41 43
By the Sunday School, for its support.....	61 06
Balance in hand.....	24 35
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1255 45
Diocesan Missions.....	\$30 00
Assessment of the convention, arrears, (\$69.73).....	44 65
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	3 02
Woman's Auxiliary, aid in the Diocese.....	14 50
Woman's Society for Akeley Institute.....	20 25
Convention expenses, 1888.....	10 60
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$123 02
Domestic Missions, (The Board of Missions).....	\$2 05
Foreign Missions, " ".....	7 30
Missions for Colored People W. A. ".....	8 83
Indian Missions, W. A. for scholarship.....	10 00
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	3 00
By the Sunday School, for Church Building.....	2 56
Women's Auxiliary per Sunday school for cot, Shanghai, China.....	5 00
Sunday School, Lent collection.....	6 24
Bishop Weed, Yellow Fever.....	4 28
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$49 26
Total of offerings.....	\$1427 73
Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$6,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$7,500.	
Indebtedness.—Floating \$251.62; secured \$750. Salary of the Rector, \$300 and Rectory. Insurance.—Total, \$3,700.	

Bishop's Address, pages 99-105

S. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY (1836).

The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., Rector, (1886).

The Rev. W. Ball Wright, M. A., Assistant.

William R. Shelby, Edwin F. Uhl, Wardens.

A. C. Torrey, J. H. Russell, Wesley Wilson, Superintendents of the Sunday Schools.

Baptized—Infants, 49; adults, 12; total 61. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 800; confirmed during the year, 16. Communicants, last reported, 598; admitted, 15 received, 62; total added, 77. Died, 11; removed, 7; total lost, 18. Present number, male, about 235; female, about, 432; total 667. Marriages, 22, burials, 36. Public services—Sundays, 251; Holy days, 110; week days, 455; total, 816. Holy Communion—Public, 146; private, 16. Congregation—Families, 400; adults,

1,400; children, 550; total, 1,950; of these baptized persons, about 1,870. Catechising—Number of times: twice on Sundays, once on Fridays, and once on 20 Saturdays. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 40; total, 55. Pupils, male, 188; female, 295; total, 483; average attendance, 340. Number of volumes in Parish library and S. S. library, 275. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 67. Names of Parochial Societies—Choir, Home and Hospital, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Missions, Industrial Band, Helping Hand, Sewing School, Girls Friendly, Ministering League, Deaf Mute Service, Men's Missionary, Woman's Missionary, Children's Missionary, Temperance Society, Band of Hope, Young Women's Society, 20 Minute Society, Maternite, S. Mark's Academy, Men's Society, etc. Have held Missionary Services in Newaygo, Sparta, Rockford, North Grand Rapids, South Grand Rapids, Oakdale Park, Paris Township, Walker Township, and S. Mark's Home and Hospital.

FINANCIAL REPORT,

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$3,727.93; pew rents, \$6,427.75; special subscriptions, \$2,188.61; legacies, \$20,000.00; individual gifts, 13,000 Parochial associations, \$2,140.32; S. Mark's Home and Hospital, \$6,164.66; the Sunday School, \$633.32; other sources, \$1,939.93; total, \$56,242.52.

The Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 601.65
For the Rector's salary, (paid to date)	3,725.00
For other salaries.....	1,643.00
For insurance.....	215.00
For repairs on the Rectory.....	187.68
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	1,368.64
S. Mark's Missions.....	264.82
Church Furnishing.....	566.40
Increase and improvement of church property.....	525.07
City Charities.....	57.00
By the Sunday School, for various objects.....	433.32
S. Mark's Home and Hospital.....	1000.00
Balance in hand.....	145.60
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$10,733.18
Diocesan Missions.....	500.00
Assessment of the Convention.....	303.30
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	178.31
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders.....	25.00
Services for Deaf Mutes.....	15.00
Woman's Auxillary, aid in the Diocese.....	500.00
Aid to three Congregations.....	98.00
By the Sunday School, for various objects.....	100.00
Akeley Institute.....	280.00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$1,999.61
General Missions, Domestic, Foreign and Specials about.....	400.00
Florida Yellow Fever sufferers.....	106.70
N. W. Orphanage and other Asylums.....	225.00
Special contributions to different Missions.....	125.00

Education for the Ministry.....	100 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies.....	25 00
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	30 00
Clergy Relief.....	210 00
American Church Building Fund commission.....	20 00
Woman's Auxilliary Aid.....	110 00
By the Sunday School, for various objects.....	100 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$1,451 70
S. Mark's Home and Hospital—	
Current Receipts [not included in the above].....	\$5164 66
Building Fund.....	\$3000 00
Total for Hospital.....	\$38164 66
Not Classified—	
Designated by Donors for Specific Objects.....	\$1214 00
Held or expended by Parochial Organizations.....	1664 04
To the Rector and Family or to be expended by him for designated objects.....	1015 33
Total not Classified.....	\$3893 37
Total of offerings.....	\$56242 52

Value of Church Property.—The Church and Chapel, \$65,000; Rectory, \$12,000; Church Home or Hospital, \$50,000; total, \$127,000. Indebtedness—Floating, \$1,250; Secured, \$3,000. Salary of the Rector, \$3,600. Insurance—On the Church, \$20,000; Rectory, \$1,000; other property, \$3,500; total, \$24,500. Capacity of the Church building.—Whole number of sittings, 1300; of these, free, 500; rented, 800.

NOTES.

The Rector gratefully reports the continued prosperity of S. Mark's Parish owing to the devotion and liberality of its faithful Parishioners.

The \$20,000 donation reported under the head of "Legacies" is part of the munificent gift of the late R. E. Butterworth to S. Mark's Home and Hospital. \$11,500 of the "Individual gifts" are from the same generous benefactor.

\$1,000 have been received "In Memoriam" of the late Rev. Josiah P. Tustin, a former Rector of S. Mark's Church.

The new S. Mark's Home and Hospital is in course of erection at a cost of about \$50,000.

A beautiful and commodious Church has been erected in Oakdale Park, a rising suburb southeast of Grand Rapids City.

The Rector's Stipend is now met by the "Free Will Offerings" of his people sent to him personally for his support.

Exceptionally large as are the total contributions in this report they could be exceeded if all donations from Parishioners for church purposes were reported to the Rector for classification in the above statement.

Bishop's Address, pages 99-103.

GRACE CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY (1875).

The Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D., Rector (1888).

Jacob Kleinhans, Wm. Raiguel, Wardens.

Dr. H. C. Johnson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 24; Adults, 10; Total, 34. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 225; confirmed during the year, 21. Communicants—Last reported, 210; admitted, 21; Received, 15; total added, 36. Died, 3; Removed 16; Total lost, 19. Present No—male, 58; female 167; Total 225. Marriages, 14; Burials, 18. Public services—Sundays, 130; Holy days, 7; week days, 109; Total, 246. Holy Communion—public, 42; private, 5. Congregation—Families, 138; adults, 290; children, 125; total 415. Catechizing, number of times, 12. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 7; female, 14; total 21. Pupils, male 65; female, 90; total 155. Average attendance, 98. Number of volumes S S. library, 140. Subscribers to the *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Sewing Society, The Church Guild, Young People's Society, The Pansy Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$389.76; the envelope system, \$939.09; Women's Associations, \$282; the Sunday School, \$85; total \$1695.85. Due Treasurer, \$4.31.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to April 1) 1 year.....	\$1000 00
For other salaries.....	251 50
For repairs on the Rectory.....	98 87
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	109 03
By the S. S., for itself.....	85 00
Total for Parochials objects.....	\$1544 40
Diocesan Missions.....	70 00
Assessment of the Convention,	69 20
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	5 15
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$144 35
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	6 41
Woman's Auxillary Aid.....	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	11 41
Total of offerings.....	\$1700 16

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$10,000; Rectory, \$2,200; total, \$12,200. Indebtedness—Floating, \$300; secured, \$750. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$1,500; total, \$4,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 340; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, pages 101-106.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY, (1871).

The Rev. Theodore J. Knapp, D. D., Rector in charge, since Oct. 1888.

Chester A. Birge, Walter A. Stevens, Wardens.

Charles Arthur Eaton, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 0; total, 10. Confirmed during the year, 7. Communicants—Last reported, 85; admitted, 7; received, 10; total added, 17. Died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4. Present number, 98; total, 98. Marriages, 3; burials, 6. Public services—Sundays 89, Holy days 3, week days 16, total 108. Holy Communion—Public 6. Congregation—Families 80, adults 100, children 85, total 185. Catechising, number of times, several; Sunday school—Teachers and officers—Male 2, female 9, total 11. Pupils—Male 39, female 55, total 94. Average attendance, 66. Number of volumes Parish Library 16, S. S. Library 200; subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid.

FINANCIAL REPORT.**Receipts—**

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$181.07; the envelope system, \$307.50; subscriptions, \$195.00; Women's Associations, \$107.07; the Sunday school, \$14.40; other sources, \$60.40; total, \$855.44

Disbursements—

For the Lay Reader's salary—paid to June 2, 1889.....	\$332 47
For other salaries—sexton.....	40 00
For insurance.....	25 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	39 23
Increase and improvement of church property.....	205 00
By the Sunday School, for S. S. books, etc.....	11 89
Balance in hand.....	1 85
Total for Parochial objects.....	855 44

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.—The Church, \$3,000. Salary of the Lay Reader, no stated amount. Insurance on the church, \$2,000. Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 250; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 97-98-104.

TRINITY CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY (1886).

The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, B. D., Rector, (1886.)

Remey Jares, Andrew Johnston, Wardens.

Andrew Johnston, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total, 6. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 58; confirmed during the year, 8. Communicants—Last reported, 52; admitted 8; received, 7; total added, 15. Died, 3; removed, 4; not found, 2; total lost, 9. Present number—male, 16; female, 42; total, 58. Marriages, 5; burials, 9. Public services—Sundays. 96; Holy days, 46; week days, 40; total, 182. Holy Communion—Public, 19, private 2. Congregation—Families, 56; total, 250. Catechis-

ing—number of times, 52. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 4, female, 8; total, 12; pupils, male 23, female 39, total 62; average attendance, 40. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Names of Parochial Societies—Trinity Church Guild, The Trinitarian Society of Trinity Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$172.48; the envelope system, \$869.25; subscriptions, \$272.50; Women's Associations, \$60.00; the Sunday School, \$5766; total, \$1,431.89.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 23 90
For the Rector's salary (paid to date).....	1000 00
For other salaries.....	66 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	103 95
Paid old debt to Rector for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.....	118 00
For the Sunday School.....	30 52
Bal. in Sunday School treasury.....	27 14
Balance in hand.....	7 01
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1377 02
Diocesan Missions.....	5 51
Assessment of the Convention.....	12 85
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	5 34
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$23 70
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	1 02
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	13 65
Yellow fever sufferers.....	18 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$31 17
Total of offerings.....	\$1,431 89
Value of Church Property—The church, \$5,000. Salary of the Rector, \$1,000. Insurance on the church, \$2,000. Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 275, all free.	

Bishop's Address, pages 98-106.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, HASTINGS, BARRY COUNTY, (1863).

The Rev. Edward D. Irvine, Rector, (1888).

Henry Goodyear, D. G. Robinson, Wardens.

Ellen E. Robinson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 14, adults, 6; total 20. Confirmed during the year, 13. Communicants—Last reported, 105; admitted, 13; received, 3; total added, 16. Removed, 10; not found, 11; total lost, 21; present number—male, 17; female, 83; total 100. Burials, 6. Public services—Sundays, 104; Holy days, 24; week days, 30; total 158. Holy Communion—public, 19; private, 2. Catechising—number of times, 40. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 9; total, 12.

Pupils, male, 53; female, 74; total, 127. Average attendance, 90. Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Auxilliary, Parish Aid Society, S. Agnes Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The envelope system, \$748.28; subscriptions, \$67.96; women's associations, \$249.06; the Sunday School, \$94.47; total, \$1469.66.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$8 48
For the Rector's salary.....	941 00
For other salaries.....	128 00
For Insurance.....	15 30
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	105 75
For the Poor.....	20 00
By the Sunday School, for all purposes.....	94 47
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1313 00
Diocesan Missions.....	\$50 00
Assessment of the Convention.....	50 30
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	7 28
Woman's Auxilliary, aid in the Diocese.....	34 76
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$142 34
General Missions.....	\$4 55
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	2 70
Woman's Auxilliary, aid.....	37 07
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$44 32
Total of Offerings.....	\$1469 66

Value of Church Property.—Chapel, \$2,500; Salary of the Rector, \$900. Insurance—On the Church, \$1,200; total, \$1,200. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, \$160; of these, free, all.

Bishop's Address, page 105.

GRACE CHURCH, HOLLAND, OTTAWA COUNTY, (1866).

C. A. Stevenson, F. G. Churchill, Wardens.

C. A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Adults, 1. Communicants—Last reported, 35. Removed, 6; total lost, 6. Present number—male 7, female 22; total 29. Marriages, 1; burials, 1. Public services—Sundays 29, week days 2, total 31. Holy Communion—Public, 3. Congregation—Families 24; adults 60, children 56, total 116. Of these, baptized persons, 78. Catechizing, number of times, 8. Sunday School teachers and officers—male 1, female 7, total 8. Pupils—Male, 25; female, 31; total, 56. Average attendance, 45. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

Balance in hand 1889, \$686.82; The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$55.13; furniture, etc., \$340; Women's Associations, \$62.50; the Sunday School, \$43.87; other sources, \$2511.37; total, \$3699.69.

Disbursements—

For salaries.....	\$37 40
For Insurance.....	23 25
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	73 49
The increase and improvement of Church property.....	1263 70
Paid on indebtedness, (am't due at last convention \$6.67).....	8 67
For the Sunday School.....	11 20
By the Sunday School, for windows for new edifice.....	32 67
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1350 38
For Diocesan Missions.....	2 61
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$2 61
Total of offerings.....	\$ 1452 99

Value of Church Property,—The church, \$3,600. Indebtedness—Floating, \$150; secured, \$1,000. Insurance on the church, \$1500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 150, all free.

Different members of the Parish have taken, and transferred to Grace Church, stock to the amount of \$1250.00, and expect therewith to clear the Church from all indebtedness within five years from this date.

Bishop's Address, pages 97-99-104.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOMER, CALHOUN COUNTY, (1841.)

The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, Rector.

S. A. Ladow, C. F. Collins, Wardens.

Mrs. N. A. Beeden, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 39. Communicants—Last reported, 30. Present number—male 8, female 22, total 30. Burials, 1. Public services,—Sundays 15, week days 16, total 31. Holy Communion, 2. Congregation—Families 12, adults 40, Children 15, total 55. Catechising—number of times, 2. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, Male, 1; total 1. Pupils, Male, 7; female, 5; total 12.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the offertory, \$47.18; Subscriptions, \$89 59; other sources, \$13.40; total, \$150.17.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's Salary.....	\$97 19
For Insurance.....	7 50 104 69
Balance in hand.....	45 48
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$150 17

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$1500. Salary of the Rector, \$225. Insurance on the Church, \$1200; total, \$1200. Capacity of the Church Building—Whole number of sittings, 200; of these, free, all.

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Bishop's Address, page 101.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, IONIA, IONIA COUNTY, (1842).

The Rev. Robert Lynn, late Rector.

James Vosper, Lay Reader.

James Vosper, Ethan T. Montgomery, Wardens.

Edward R. Bailey, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 3; total 8. Confirmed during the year, 10. Communicants—Last reported, 81; admitted, 10; total added, 10. Died, 2; removed, 4; dropped, 3; total lost, 9; present number—male, 18, female 64, total 82. Marriages, 4; burials, 4. Public services—Sundays, 100; week days, 65; total 165. Holy Communion—public 16, private 9. Sunday School teachers and officers, male 3, female 5, total 8. Pupils, male 44, female 58, total 102. Average attendance, 67. Number of volumes S. S. Library, 180. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 11. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society, Women's Auxilliary Society. Have held missionary services in Greenville.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$220.81; the envelope system, \$925.32; individual gifts, \$469.08; women's associations, \$174.32; income from investments, \$647.15; the Sunday school, \$78.38; other sources, \$204.89; total, \$2719.95.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary	\$ 1079 96
For other salaries.....	78 65
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	241 84
The increase and improvement of Church property.....	142 95
Paid on indebtedness.....	1075 33
By the Sunday school, for books and papers.....	55 48
Balance in hand.....	37 72
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$2777 21
Diocesan Missions.....	35 00
Petoskey Missions.....	5 30
Assessment of the Convention.....	45 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	11 89
Woman's Auxilliary, aid in the Diocese.....	6 75
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$103 94
Foreign Missions.....	5 64
Indian Missions.....	2 53
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	3 40
Woman's Auxilliary Aid.....	12 55

By the Sunday school, for General Missions.....	22 90
“ “ “ “ Bishop Gillespie Scholarship.....	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 52 02
Total of offerings	\$ 2833 17
Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$7,500; chapel, \$600; total, \$8,100.	
Insurance on the church, \$5,000; rectory, \$500; other property, \$1,000; total \$6,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 375, all free.	
Bishop's Address, pages 104-105-106.	

S. LUKE'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, (1837).

Rev. Robert Ellis Jones, Rector. (1884). .

Rev. Abner L. Frazer, Jr. Assistant Minister. (Oct. 1888).

Henry Brees, Theodore P. Sheldon, Wardens.

Rev. Abner L. Frazer, Jr. Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 22; Adults, 8; total, 30. Confirmed during the year, 25. Communicants—Last reported, 387; admitted, 25; received, 13; total added, 38. Died 3; removed, 18; total lost, 21. Present number, Male, 92; female, 312; total 404. Marriages, 10; Burials, 22. Public Services—Sundays, 103; Holy days, 10; Week days, 68; total, 181. Holy Communion—Public, 24; Private, 2. Congregation—Families, 225; Adults, 545; Children, 255; total, 810. Catechising—number of times, 36. Sunday School—Teachers and officers—Male, 4; female 19; total, 23. Pupils—Male, 75; female 125; total 200. Average attendance, 130. Have held missionary services in Paw Paw and Schoolcraft.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

Balance on hand April 30, 1888, \$117.71. The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$2624.40 (general fund), \$191.42 (Communion alms; the envelope system, \$3247.00; subscriptions, \$1097.84; women's associations, \$285; the Sunday school, \$160.12; other sources, \$318; total, \$8041.55.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 191 42
For the Rector's and Assistant Minister's salary, paid in full.....	2001 00
For other salaries	957 06
For insurance.....	216 00
For repairs on the Rectory and Parish House.....	224 45
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	1208 22
Local charities (Thanksgiving Day offering).....	43 51
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention \$1802.55).....	2004 08
For the Sunday school.....	32 63
Balance on hand.....	302 72
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$8068 37
Diocesan Missions.....	351 84
Assessment of the Convention,	125 00

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	45 00	
Woman's Auxiliary, Aid in the Diocese.....	50 61	
Total for Diocesan objects.....		\$582 45
Domestic Missions.....	50 38	
Foreign Missions.....	47 35	
Education for the Ministry.....	22 72	
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	17 82	
Women's Auxiliary Aid.....	74 50	
By the Sunday School, for General Missions.....	100 35	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....		313 12
Total of offerings.....		\$ 7863 94

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$50,000; Chapel, \$1,000; Parish House, \$2,500; Rectory, \$6,000; total, \$59,500. Indebtedness—Floating, \$2343.00. Salary of the Rector, \$1,500, and Rectory; Assistant Minister, \$1,000. Insurance—On the Church, organ, &c., \$16,000; Rectory, \$2,000; Parish House, \$1,500; Chapel, \$700; total, \$20,200. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 700, all free.

Bishop's Address, page 105.

(GRACE CHURCH, LUDINGTON, MASON COUNTY, (1873).

Rev. Joseph B. Prichard, Rector, (1873).

W. H. Stanhope, Lay Reader.

E. D. Leaton, W. H. Stanhope, Wardens.

Joseph B. Prichard, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 1; total, 9. Confirmed during the year, 4. Communicants—Last reported, 40; admitted, 5; received, 7; total added, 12. Dropped, 2; total lost, 2. Present number, male, 10; female 40; total, 50. Marriages, 5; burials, 7. Public services—Sundays 90, Holy days 4, week days 20, total 114. Holy Communion—Public 10, private, 4. Congregation—Families 24, adults 60, children 23; total 83; of these, baptised persons, 7. Catechising, number of times, 8; Sunday school—Teachers and officers—Male 1, female 5, total 6. Pupils—Male 8, female 20, total 28. Average attendance, 25. Number of volumes Parish Library 50, S. S. Library 150; subscribers to *Church Helper*, 14. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Aid Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$64.06; subscriptions, \$200.00, Women's Associations, \$56.57; the Sunday school, \$22.61; total, \$543.24.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary.....	\$ 200 00
For other salaries—sexton.....	30 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	56 88
Increase and improvement of church property.....	1 50

Paid on indebtedness.....	20 00
By the Sunday School, for the Sunday School.....	3 84
Balance in hand.....	10
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$512 22
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Assessment of the Convention.....	18 90
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	1 70
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$25 60
Domestic Missions.....	1 86
Foreign Missions.....	3 46
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$5 32
Total of offerings.....	\$543 24

Value of Church Property.—The church, \$3,500; Land, 600; total, \$4,100. Salary of the Rector, \$200.00. Insurance on the church, \$220; total, \$220. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 300, all free.

We want a Rectory.

Received \$75 from Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund which is not included in the above receipts.

Bishop's Address, pages 98-103.

TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL. CALHOUN COUNTY, (1836.)

The Rev. Wm. Morrall, Rector. (1887)

Louis Joy, Lay Reader.

James A. Way, James M. Parsons, Wardens.

Wm. Dibble, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants 3, adults, 12, total 15. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 200; confirmed during the year, 8. Communicants—Last reported, 149; admitted 7; total added, 7; Died, 3; Removed, 1; total lost, 4. Present number—male 28, female 124; total 152. Marriages, 4; burials, 8. Public services—Sundays 120, Holy days, 12, week days 90, total 222. Holy Communion—Public, 20, private, 2. Congregation—Families 140; adults 220, children, 190, total 410. Of these, baptized persons, 380. Catechizing, number of times, 30. Sunday School teachers and officers—male, 4, female 11, total 15. Pupils—Male, 40; female, 70; total, 110. Average attendance, 90. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 17. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Guild, Girls' Friendly, Girls' Missionary, S. Andrew's Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$206.33; pew rents, \$1009.55; The envelope system, \$207.71; subscriptions, \$144.00; women's associations, \$92.96, Income from investments, \$196.33; Sunday School, \$72.38; Easter, 99.32; total, \$3028.58.

Disbursements—

Aids at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....\$ 83 30

For the Rector's salary, (paid to May 1. 1889).....	1083 32
For other salaries.....	149 75
For Insurance.....	136 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	177 96
Increase and improvement of Church property, Chapel plans..	90 00
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School Expenses.....	15 49
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$1735 82
Diocesan Missions.....	93 70
Assessment of the convention.....	76 60
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	17 60
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$187 90
General Missions.....	39 70
Bishop Weed.....	20 80
Foreign Missions, Japan.....	5 00
Indian Missions.....	2 50
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	4 25
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Weed.....	1 39
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Gillespie scholarship.....	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$78 74
Total of Disbursements.....	\$2001 46

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$12,000; Rectory, \$3,400; investments, \$2,290; total, \$17,690; Salary of the Rector, \$1000 and Rectory. Insurance.—On the Church, 8,000; Rectory, \$2,800; Total, \$10,800. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 450; free, 150; rented 300.

Bishop's Address, page 105.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON, MUSKEGON COUNTY, (1867.)

The Rev. J. N. Rippey, M. D. Rector, (1884.)

J. B. Murphy, Lay Reader.

J. B. Murphy, E. G. Rote, Wardens.

James Snow, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 24; Adults, 5; Total, 29. Confirmed persons in the Parish, about 250; confirmed during the year, 18. Communicants—Last reported, 169; admitted, 18; rec'd, 31; total added, 49. Died, 2; removed 15; dropped 6; total lost, 23. Present No—male, 42; female 153; Total 195. Marriages, 9; Burials, 19. Public services—Sundays, 151; Holy days, 20; week days, 95; Total, 266. Holy Communion—public, 59. Congregation—Families, 190; adults, 281; children, 180; total 461. Of these Baptized persons, 434. Catechizing, number of times, occasionally. Sunday Schools—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 16; total 22. Pupils, male 37; female, 80; total 117. Number of volumes Parish Library, 20, S. S. Library, 50. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society, S. Luke's Mission Band, Young People's Guild. Have held Missionary services at Whitehall, S. Luke's Chapel, Muskegon.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$351.67; the envelope system, \$1764.40; subscriptions etc. for S. Luke's Chapel, \$648.60; Y. P. Guild, \$4.98; Women's Associations, \$200.60; organ fund, \$2.12; the Sunday School, \$35.09; Funds on hand, (June 1st. 1888), \$176.60; total \$4285.06.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 9 66
For the Rector's salary.....	1387 13
For other salaries.....	283 50
For Insurance.....	25 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	125 95
Y. P. Guild.....	3 75
Ladies' society for Sundries.....	39 41
For S. Luke's Chapel and Lot.....	644 87
For overdraft on Treasurer.....	79 68
For the Sunday School.....	11 97
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$2610 92
Balance in hand.....	431 49
Diocesan Missions.....	55 00
Assessment of the Convention.....	91 35
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	7 19
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders.....	5 00
Services for Deaf Mutes.....	4 23
Woman's Auxilliary, aid in the Diocese.....	4 00
By the Sunday School, for Missions.....	15 00
By the Sunday School for building fund.....	1 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$182 77
Domestic Missions.....	5 69
Foreign Missions.....	4 04
Missions for Colored People.....	3 00
Indian Missions.....	4 46
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	1 50
General Clergy Relief Fund.....	3 68
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	6 84
Woman's Auxilliary Aid, Indian Scholarship.....	5 00
Yellow Fever sufferers.....	15 17
Woman's Auxilliary, Mrs. Miles' salary.....	10 50
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$59 88
Total of offerings.....	\$3285 06

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$7,000; Guild Room, \$1,000; S. Luke's Chapel, \$1400; Investments, \$290; total, \$8,290. Indebtedness—Floating, S. Luke's Chapel, \$120; secured, \$500. Salary of the Rector, \$1350. Insurance—On the Church, \$2500; S. Luke's Chapel, \$100; other property, \$800; total, \$3700. Capacity of the Church building.—Whole number of sittings, 250, all free.

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The report for S. Luke's Chapel is this year included in the report of S. Paul's Parish. This work was begun as a Mission Sunday School last June, one

year ago, in a private house. It became evident that if the work was to become successful and permanent, a building must be secured. None could be rented. The Rector purchased a lot on the corner of Wood avenue and Amity street, and began the erection of the present Chapel. The lot cost \$500. The building and furnishings have cost about \$1174, including some gifts; of which there remains unpaid, a secured debt of \$500 and a floating debt of about \$115. The property is held by the Rector of S. Paul's in trust. A Sunday School is held every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., and Evening Prayer at 4 p. m., with sermon by the Rector of S. Paul's. Service is also held on Thursday night, and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8 a. m. the third Sunday in the month. It has been given a form of organization, with Warden, Secretary and Treasurer. S. Luke's Mission Band meets every week for work. The Bishop confirmed six at his visitation.

The funds in hand are held as follows: The Ladies' Society, \$339; S. Luke's Mission Band, \$16.40; S. Luke's Treasurer, \$3.73; Treasurer Organ Fund, \$62.57, and Treasurer Y. P. Guild, \$1.23; Treasurer S. S., \$7.12; total, \$431.49.

J. N. RIPPEY, Rector.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, MANISTEE, MANISTEE COUNTY, (1888)

The Rev. H. E. S. Somerville, Rector, (1888)

Ellsworth Ellis, M. D., Thomas Smurthwaite, Wardens.

Thomas Smurthwaite, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 12; adults, 1; total 13. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 62; confirmed during the year, 8. Communicants—last reported, 48; admitted, 4; total added, 4. Died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2. Present number, male 17, female 43, total 60. Marriages, 3; burials, 8. Public services—Sundays, 106; Holy days, 31; week days, 85; total, 222. Holy Communion—Public, 83; private, 3. Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 118; children, 79; total, 197, of these, baptized persons, 135. Catechizing—number of times, 23. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 2, female 5, total 7. Pupils—male 32, female 39, total 71; average attendance 47. Number of volumes Parish Library, 54; S. S. Library, 150. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Guild of the Holy Trinity, Woman's Ward, Altar Ward, S. Cecelia Ward, Willing Workers.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$260.00; subscriptions, \$880.00; Women's Associations, \$40.00; the Sunday School, \$68.55; other sources, \$25.00; total, \$1,463.00.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 65 27
For the Rector's salary (paid to April 22).....	1000 00
For other salaries.....	80 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	385 00

Increase and improvement of church property.....	4095 18
For the Sunday School.....	60 00
Balance in hand.....	4 50
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$2396 50
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.....	3 12
By the Sunday School, for Church Building Fund.....	2 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 30 12
Domestic Missions.....	3 79
Foreign Missions.....	6 99
Missions for Colored People.....	1 59
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	2 80
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions.....	6 55
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 21 72
Total of offerings.....	\$5749 34

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.—The Church, \$9,500. Indebtedness—Floating, \$1,100; secured, \$3,000. Salary of the Rector, \$1000; Insurance on the church, \$3,500. Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

Bishop's Address, pages 98-106.

TRINITY CHURCH, NILES, BERRIEN COUNTY, (1834.)

The Rev. F. W. White, Rector.

Lewis H. Beeson, John H. Richardson, Wardens.

Lewis H. Beeson, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 6, adults, 1; total 7. Confirmed persons in the parish, 190; confirmed during the year, 7. Communicants—Last reported, 165; admitted, 14; received, 2; total added, 16. Died, 2; removed, 2; dropped, 2; total lost, 6; present number—male, 39; female, 151; total 190. Marriages, 2; burials, 2. Public services—Sundays, 54; Holy days, 8; week days, 40; total 102. Holy Communion—public, 14; private, 1. Congregation—Families 98, adults 200, children 100, total 300. Catechising—number of times, every Sunday. Sunday School: Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 10; total, 13. Pupils, male, 25; female, 50; total, 75; average attendance, 60. Number of volumes in S. S. library, 200. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 14. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Parish Aid Society, S. Agnes Guild, Helping Hand Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$256.20; pew rents, \$347.75; subscriptions, \$70.00; women's associations, \$34.00; income from investments, \$9.25; other sources, \$27.05; total, \$744.25. Balance on hand, 1888, \$41.00; grand total, \$785.25.

Disbursements—

Aims at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)..... \$ 27 05

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

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For the Rector's salary	405 00
For other salaries.....	33 33
For Insurance.....	36 91
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	110 66
Balance in hand.....	189 98
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$752 93
Assessment of the Convention.....	10 00
Aid to Candidates for Holy Orders.....	7 56
Total for Diocesan objects.....	17 56
Domestic Missions.....	6 29
Foreign Missions.....	11 47
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	17 76
Total of offerings.....	\$788 25
Value of Church Property—The Church, \$15,000; Rectory, \$1,300; total \$16,300.	
Indebtedness—Floating, \$250; secured, \$600. Salary of the Rector, \$600. Insurance—On the Church, \$3,000; Rectory, \$500; other property, \$1,000; total, \$4,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 350; free, 250; rented, 100.	

Bishop's Address, pages 97-99-104.

S. MARK'S CHURCH, PAW PAW, VAN BUREN COUNTY (1851).

The Rev. A. L. Frazer, Jr., officiating.

Mrs. J. Davey, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed during the year, 3. Communicants—Last reported, 22; admitted 3; received, 1; total added, 4. Present number—male, 2; female, 24; total, 26. Public services—Sundays, 6; Holy days, 1; week days, 12; total, 19. Holy Communion—Public, 4. Sunday School teachers and officers, female 3. Pupils, male 4, female 6, total 10. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 11. Name of Parochial Society, Ladies' Society of S. Mark's.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Disbursements—	
Travelling expenses.....	\$ 25 60
Stove.....	11 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	6 47
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 43 57
Diocesan Missions.....	7 83
By the Sunday School, for Missions.....	1 00
" " " " Leaflets.....	2 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 10 83
Total of Offerings.....	\$ 54 40
Value of Church Property.—Chapel, \$3,000. Insurance on the same, \$1,000.	
Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 175; all free.	

Bishop's Address, pages 99-107

TRINITY CHURCH, SARANAC, IONIA COUNTY (1867).

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants last reported, 5. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 2.

The shattered building yet stands. The persons who prevented the sale of the property, promising to endeavor to have the repairs made, have done nothing.

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CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SAUGATUCK, ALLEGAN COUNTY (1868).

The Rev. Albert E. Wells, Rector (1898).

Alfred Blake Taylor, John Priest, Wardens.

Albert E. Wells, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants 14, adults 6, total 20. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 45. Communicants—Last reported, 33; received, 5; total added, 5; dropped, 2; total lost, 2. Present number—Male 6, female 30, total 36. Marriages, 4; burials 3. Public services—Sundays 104, Holy days 15, week days 39, total 158, Holy Communion—Public, 12. Congregation—Families 43, adults 74, children 60, total 134; of these, baptized persons, 120. Catechising—number of times, 20. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 2, female 7, total 9; pupils, male 26, female 29, total 55; average attendance, 45. Number of volumes Parish Library, 90; Sunday School Library, 100. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 7. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society, Parish Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$66.72; the envelope system, \$501.30; subscriptions, \$20.00; Guild gifts, \$55.80; women's associations, \$43.00; the Sunday school, \$8.41; other sources, \$35 00; total, \$780.23.

The Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to May 1, 1889)	\$ 630 00
For other salaries—Janitor.....	11 50
For insurance.....	20 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	7 80
By the Sunday school, for books, etc.....	21 15
Balance in hand.....	39 00
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 729 45
Diocesan Missions.....	15 53
Assessment of the Convention.....	15 15
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	2 10
Woman's Auxillary, to Petoskey.....	2 00
By the Sunday school, for Diocesan purposes.....	5 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 39 78
General Missions.....	5 00

By the Sunday school, for General Mission Board.....	6 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 11 00
Total of Offerings.....	\$ 780 23

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$3,000. Salary of the Rector, \$700.
Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings 250, all free.

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TRINITY CHURCH, THREE RIVERS, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (1864).

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants, last reported, 22. Public services, Sundays 4. Holy communion, 1. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$4.67.

Disbursements—

Diocesan Missions..... \$ 4 67

The building needs repairs. Owing to the condition of the furnace, it cannot be used in winter. The Bishop has endeavored to have the property deeded to the Diocese.

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GRACE CHURCH, UNION CITY, BRANCH COUNTY, (1888.)

Hiram Crissy, Dr. H. F. Ewers, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 2. Confirmed during the year, 1. Communicants last reported, 24. Present number—Male 8, female 16, total 24. Marriages, 1. Public services, 3. Holy Communion, public, 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$20 00

Disbursements—

For all expenses of Parish maintenance..... \$ 5 00

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$2,500. Insurance on the Church, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 300, free.

See General Missionary's report. Were the interest of some that of all, the Church would be oftener open.

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CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, WHITEHALL, MUSKOGON COUNTY
(1870).

Rev. J. N. Rippey, in Charge.

Martin DeMass, Andrew Wanamaker, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 2; total 2. Confirmed persons in the Parish, about 30.
Registered Communicants, 25. Public services—Sundays, 3; week days, 4;
total, 7. Holy Communion—Public, 2.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$11.12; Subscriptions, \$5.28;
total, \$16.40.

Disbursements—

For all expenses of Parish maintenance.....	\$ 12 38	
Total for Parochial objects.....		\$12 38
Diocesan Missions, Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	2 52	
Assessment of the Convention, arrears, (\$38 64).....	1 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects.....		4 02
Total of Offerings.....		\$16 40

Value of Church property—The Church, \$2,000. Insurance on the Church,
\$1,000. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, free, 150.

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REPORTS OF ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

(ORGANIZED.)

S. MATTHEW'S MISSION, BALDWIN, LAKE COUNTY, (1876).

In charge of General Missionary.

No report. The rectory brings in a small rent. The persons who were interested have all removed.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BENTON HARBOR, BERRIEN COUNTY, (1882.)

The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, D. D., Rector.

Alfred Coates, Warden, and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants. 4; adults, 2; total, 6. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 50; confirmed during the year, 10. Communicants—Last reported, 40; admitted, 10; received, 3; total added, 13. Died 1, removed 1, total lost, 2. Present number, male, 10; female 48; total, 58. Marriages, 2; burials, 3. Public services—Sundays 51, Holy days 4, week days 11, total 66. Holy Communion—Public 10. Congregation—Families 22; adults 62, children 32, total 94; of these, baptised persons, 81. Catechising, number of times, 20. Sunday school—Teachers and officers—Male 3, female 3, total 6. Pupils—Male 10, female 14, total 24. Average attendance, 18. Number of volumes S. S. Library 20. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Aid.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$127.50; subscriptions, \$85.52; individual gifts, \$530.00; Women's Associations, \$28.40; the Sunday School, \$6; other sources, \$60; total \$847.42.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 6 00
For the Rector's salary, (paid to July 1st).....	206 87
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	35 75
The increase and improvement of Church property.....	10 50
Paid on indebtedness.....	540 00

For the Sunday School.....	12 00	
By the Sunday School.....	6 00	
Balance in hand.....	20 50	
Total for Parochial objects.....		\$ 847 42
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
Services for Deaf Mutes.....	1 00	
Total for Diocesan objects.....		\$ 11 00
General Missions.....	2 23	
Domestic Missions.....	3 15	
Foreign Missions.....	3 15	
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	1 50	
By the Sunday School, for General Missions.....	3 23	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....		\$13 26
Total of offerings.....		\$ 871 68
Value of Church property—The church, \$2676. Insurance on the church \$1200.		
Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 200; all free.		

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CHRIST MISSION, CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY (1887).

Rev. Charles T. Stout, Missionary.

W. P. Brown, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 6, adults, 2; total 8. Confirmed during the year, 9. Communicants—Last reported, 40; admitted, 9, total added, 9. Died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number—male, 14; female, 31; total 45. Burials, 3. Public services—Sundays, 17; week-days, 1; total 18. Holy Communion—public, 4; private, 1. Congregation—Families 16, adults 50, children 30, total 80. Of these, baptized persons 68. Catechising—number of times, 1. Sunday School: Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5; total, 7. Pupils, male, 32; female, 71; total, 103; average attendance, to June, 66. Number of volumes in S. S. library, 80. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4. Name of Parochial Society—The Church Guild.

Sunday School suspended June, 1888.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$24.61; subscriptions, \$20.56; Income from investments, paid \$92.58; total \$137.75.

Disbursements—

For repairs, side walk.....	\$ 21 70
Paid on indebtedness, (amount due at last Convention \$535).....	86 52
For the Sunday school.....	6 52
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$114 72
Diocesan Missions.....	26 12

Total for Diocesan objects.....	26 12
Total of offerings.....	\$ 140 86
Indebtedness.—Floating, \$48.48; Secured, \$428.	

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GRACE MISSION, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY, (1888.)

In charge of the General Missionary (1887).

Charles B. Lamb, Warden.

Orr Schurtz, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 1; total 4. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 33. Communicants—last reported, 23; received, 7. Present number, male 6, female 24, total 30. Public services—Sundays, 45; week days, 5; total, 50. Holy Communion—Public, 5. Congregation—Families, 19; adults, 50; children, 16; total, 66; of these, baptized persons, 42. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 3, female 6, total 9. Pupils—male 12, female 22, total 34; average attendance, 29. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 11. Names of Parochial Societies—Ladies' Society, The Chapel Guild.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$122.24; women's associations, \$180.00; the Sunday school, \$47.67; other sources, \$20.06; total, \$369.97.

Disbursements—

Current expenses.....	\$ 58 22
Furnishing new church, by the Ladies' Society.....	180 00
By the Sunday School, for its expenses.....	33 97
By the Chapel Guild, paid on font.....	15 00
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$287 19
Balance in hand.....	41 13
Diocesan Missions.....	28 96
Services for deaf Mutes.....	3 84
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$32 80
General Missions.....	1 59
To Bishop Weed, Florida, for yellow fever sufferers.....	3 13
By the Sunday School, for Mission at S. Clair, Pa.....	1 73
By the Sunday School for Centennial offering, (General Missions	2 20)
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 8 65
Total of offerings.....	\$ 369 97

Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 140, all free.

A beautiful Church edifice has been completed and nearly furnished during the year past and is now in regular use. Its title at present is proprietary, but it is confidently expected that its entire cost will soon be met by local subscription and that then it will become the property of the Mission.

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EPIPHANY MISSION, COOPERSVILLE, OTTAWA COUNTY, (1877).

H. C. Durphy, warden.

I received Parochial report to fill up. I cannot see as I have anything to report. I am all the communicant there is in the place. I cannot see as there can be any improvement here. The place is degenerating; the inhabitants are leaving for other locations. We have not had any services the past year. I send the report with this letter.

Bishop's Address, pages

S. MATTHIAS' MISSION, EATON RAPIDS, EATON COUNTY, (1876).

In charge of General Missionary.

Confirmed persons in the Parish, 5. Confirmed during the year, 1. Present number Communicants, 5. No other report.

See General Missionary Report. The windows are boarded to protect the building. Should there be a Clergyman at Charlotte, he might hold services here.

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MISSION OF THE REDEEMER, EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY (1886).

In charge of the General Missionary.

John C. Jordan, Warden, Supt. of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader.

C. H. Whittington, Treas.

William Asa Loveday, Sec'y.

Baptized—Infants, 6; Adults, 3; Total, 9. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 35; confirmed during the year, 9. Communicants—Last reported, 21; received, 1. Removed 1. Present number—male 7, female 14, total 21. Public services—Sundays 10, week days 4, total 14. Holy Communion—public, 5. Congregation—Families, 17; adults, 40, children 52, total 72. Of these, baptized persons, 67. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 2, female 6, total 8. Pupils, 38; average attendance, 27. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 8. Names of Parochial Societies—The Ladies' Society, and Children's Missionary Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.**Receipts—**

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$39.07; individual gifts, \$21.94; women's associations, \$48.78; the Sunday school, \$62.83; other sources, \$2.30; total, \$164.30.

Disbursements—

By the Ladies' Society, for investment.....	\$ 68 08
For incidental expenses, by Ladies' Society.....	6 58

For the Sunday School, by Ladies' Society.....	3 47
By " " " for papers and incidentals.....	18 52
" " " to Ladies' Society, for investment.....	36 69
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 133 34
Diocesan Missions.....	14 54
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 14 54
General Missions.....	2 28
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies.....	2 50
To Bishop Weed, Florida, for yellow fever sufferers.....	4 02
By the Sunday School, for General Missions.....	7 62
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 16 42
Total of offerings.....	\$ 164 30
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.—The lot, \$150. Investments, \$158.56. Total, \$308.56.	

The church lot was given by Mr. John Nichols, of Charlevoix, proprietor of the village of East Jordan. The investment mentioned above, with cash in hands of Ladies' Society, \$16.94, shows a gain of about \$100 during the year, and a total of \$175.50 available for church building.

The Children's Mission Guild has 13 working members, with an average attendance of 7, and 7 honorary members. "We have on hand \$7.57, and a quilt for sale."

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S. JOHN'S MISSION, EVART, OSCEOLA COUNTY, (1876.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

No report. See General Missionary's Report.

There is a lot here that should be deeded to the Diocese. The trustees refuse and do not pay the taxes. The Bishop has put a notice in the Evart paper to all concerned, stating the danger of alienation of the property.

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S. PAUL'S MISSION, GREENVILLE, MONTCALM COUNTY, (1881.)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants—Last reported, 26. Public services, Sundays 6. Holy Communion, public 3. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 8.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$7.88.

Disbursements—

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 7 88
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Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 7 88
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Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,400.

Capacity of the Church buildings—Whole number of sittings 250, all free.

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S. JOHN'S MISSION, HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY, (1882.)

The Rev. Charles T. Stout, Missionary.

H. L. Canon, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized, adults 3; confirmed during the year, 2; communicants, last reported, 11, present number, male 3, female 8, total 11; Sunday school teachers and officers, male 1, female 3, total 4; pupils, 21; number of volumes S. S. Library, 50.

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$3,000; insurance on the church, \$2,000. Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 150, free.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford and the Rev. William Elmer officiated on Sundays in the summer. The Rev. C. T. Stout has given week day services.

Some useful members have removed. The record of offerings has not been neglected.

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S. JOHN'S MISSION, MT. PLEASANT, ISABELLA COUNTY, (1887.)

The Rev. N. S. Boardman, in charge. (1886).

Wm. N. Brown, Warden.

Baptized—Infants 22, adults 9, total 31; confirmed persons in the parish, 78; confirmed during the year, 14; communicants—last reported 76, admitted 14, received 2, total added 16; removed 4, dropped 10, total lost 14; present number, male 22, female 56, total 78; marriages 7; public services—Sundays 156, holy days 14, week days 62, total 232; Holy Communion—public 23, private 2; congregation, families 50, adults 114, children 50, total 164; of these, baptized persons, 138; catechising, number of times 24; Sunday School teachers and officers, male 2, female 6, total 8; pupils, male 20, female 35, total 55; average attendance, 45; Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Guild. Have held missionary services in Clare, Delwin, and Shepherd.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$81.00; the envelope system, \$496.00; subscriptions, \$41.50; women's associations, \$165.00; the Sunday school, \$56.61; total, \$840 11.

The Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to April 12, 1888).....	\$ 550 00
For other salaries.....	64 00
For insurance.....	11 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	9 00
The increase and improvement of Church property.....	25 00
Paid on indebtedness (am't due at last convention, \$750).....	25 00
By the Sunday school, for itself.....	33 81
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 788 31
Balance on hand, Sunday school.....	17 80

Diocesan Missions.....	30 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 30 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 5 00
Total of Offerings.....	\$ 841 11

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$5,000; Rectory, \$2,000. Indebtedness—Floating, \$68.00; secured, \$725.00. Salary of the Rector, \$800. Insurance on the Church, \$2500; Rectory \$12.00; other property, \$500; total, \$4200. Capacity of the church building—whole number of sittings 150, all free.

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S. MARK'S MISSION, NEWAYGO, NEWAYGO COUNTY, (1876).

Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. in charge.

E. S. Bennett, Warden and Superintendent of Sunday School.

Communicants—Last reported, 26; died 1; removed 1; total lost, 2. Present number—male, 5; female, 19; total, 24. Marriages 1; burials 1. Congregation—families, 20; adults 35; children 35; total 70; of these baptized persons, 35. Sunday School—teachers and officers, male 1 female 5, total 6. Pupils, male 15, female 35; total 50; average attendance, 40. Number of volumes, S. S. Library 150. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 6. Name of Parochial Society, Women's Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$37.19; subscriptions, \$86.35; Women's Associations, \$120.05; the Sunday School, \$57.34 total \$300.93.

Disbursements—

For salaries.....	92 60
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	19 89
Increase and improvement of church property.....	107 33
Interest on \$500.00 Mortgage.....	40 00
Above mortgage paid by gift from Dr. Fair, and S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.	
By the Sunday School, for papers, books, etc.....	29 34
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 289 16
Balance in hand.....	9 15
Diocesan Missions.....	2 62
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 2 62
Total of offerings.....	\$ 300 93

Value of Church Property.—The Church, \$2,800. Insurance on the church and furniture, \$2,000. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 200, all free.

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S. JAMES' CHURCH, PENTWATER, OCEANA COUNTY (1877).

In charge of the General Missionary.

John W. Loomis, Warden.

G. H. Cleveland, Supt. of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader.

Baptized—Infants 1 Confirmed persons in the Parish, 27; confirmed during the year, 2. Communicants—Last reported, 24; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3. Removed, 2; total lost, 2. Present number—Male 8, female 19, total 27. Public services—Sundays 56, Holy days 1, week days 4, total 61. Holy Communion—Public, 4. Congregation—Families 18, adults 25, children 30, total 55; of these, baptized persons, 40. Catechising—number of times, 4. Sunday School teachers and officers, male 2, female 4, total 6; pupils, male 11, female 20, total 31; average attendance, 25. Number of volumes Parish Library, 13. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 13. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.**Receipts—**

The Receipts have been from the Offertory, \$123.20; women's associations, \$5.61; the Sunday school, \$38.63 total, \$197.44.

Disbursements—

Bishop's expenses.....	\$ 3 25
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	19 93
Increase and improvement of Church property.....	95 28
For the Sunday school.....	16 49
By the Sunday School, for font.....	96 00
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$ 140 95
Balance in hand.....	20 91
Diocesan Missions.....	10 55
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	1 60
Woman's Society, Aid in the Diocese—Akeley Institute.....	7 40
Rev. J. B. Prichard.....	5 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 24 55
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	4 16
By the Sunday school, for S. Mary's Orphanage.....	3 83
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$ 4 99
Total of offerings.....	\$ 170 49
Value of Church Property—The Church, \$1,000. Insurance on the Church, \$300. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 80, free,	

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY, (1887.)

The Rev. Charles T. Stout, Missionary (1887).

W. A. S. Williams, M. D., Warden.

The Rev. C. T. Stout, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 14; adults, 16; total, 30. Confirmed persons in the Parish, 61; confirmed during the year, 21. Communicants

mitted, 21; received, 3; total added, 24. Removed 7, total lost, 7. Present number, male 10, female 49, total 59. Marriages, 4; burials, 4. Public services—Sundays 106, Holy days 8, week days 44, total 158. Congregation—Families 40; adults 103, children 47, total 150. Catechising, number of times, 40. Sunday school teachers and officers—Male 3, female 8, total 11. Pupils—Male 21 female 37, total 58; average attendance, 45. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 18. Names of Parochial Societies—Woman's Guild, Busy Bees.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$403.86; the envelope system, \$532.40; Subscriptions for church building, \$507.10; individual gifts outside of Mission, \$531.02; women's associations, \$300; the Sunday School, \$72.88; other sources, \$13.00; total, \$2360.26.

Disbursements—

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported).....	\$ 19 20
For the Rector's salary (paid to May 1).....	739 23
For other salaries.....	94 50
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	154 33
Increase and improvement of church property.....	1165 68
By the Sunday School, for church building fund.....	18 12
“ “ for expenses.....	42 83
Balance in hand.....	97 43
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$2331 32
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$ 10 00
Societies for the conversion of Jews.....	1 90
General Clergy Relief Fund.....	5 11
By the Sunday school, Lenten offering for General Missions.....	11 93
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	18 94
Total of offerings.....	\$ 2360 26

Value of Church Property.—Church, \$2,400. Salary of the Rector, \$700. The Missionary pays equivalent of \$100 for rent.

The old church building, so kindly given us by Mr. W. W. Rice, has been moved on our lot and is in process of being remodeled.

Bishop's Address, pages 98-105.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, QUINCY, BRANCH COUNTY, (1882).

Rev. Henry Hughes, Missionary, (1886).

H. D. Pessell, Warden.

Mrs. Mary L. Woods, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 1, adults, 6; total 7. Confirmed persons in the parish 31; Confirmed during the year, 5. Communicants—Last reported, 29; received 5;

total added, 5. Removed, 3; total lost, 3; present number—male, 2; female, 29; total 31. Burials, 2. Public services—Sundays, 28; week days, 12; total 40. Holy Communion—public, 6. Congregation—Families 23, adults 38, children 40, total 78. Of these, baptized persons 64. Sunday School: Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 6. Pupils, male, 12; female, 24; total, 36; average attendance, 25. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 3. Name of Parochial Society—Ladies' Aid Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$34.73; subscriptions, \$100; women's associations, \$64.27; the Sunday school, \$23.50; total, \$222.50.

Disbursements—

For the Rector's salary, (paid to date).....	\$ 81 50
For other salaries.....	10 00
For all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	39 38
The Increase and Improvement of church property, repairs, etc.	27 31
For the Sunday School, new Hymn books, papers, etc.....	33 30
Subscriptions to collect.....	18 50
Total for Parochial objects.....	\$209.99
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.....	1 55
Total for Diocesan objects.....	\$6 55
Domestic Missions.....	2 54
Foreign Missions.....	2 00
Bible and Common Prayer Book societies.....	1 42
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....	\$5 96
Total of Offerings.....	\$222 50

Value of Church property—The church, \$1200. Salary of the Rector, \$100. Insurance on the church \$1000. Capacity of the church building—Whole number of sittings, 100; all free.

Bishop's Address, page 107.

S. JAMES' MISSION, ROCKFORD, KENT COUNTY, (1881).

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants, last reported, 13; present number, male 1, female 12, total 13; Public services, 10; Holy Communion, public 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$11.07; subscriptions, \$15.67; women's associations, \$17.27; total, \$44.01.

Disbursements—

For all other expenses of Parish maintenance..... \$ 1 66

Clerical traveling expenses	2 85	
Interest and exchange.....	35 57	
Balance in hand.....	2 93	
Total for Parochial objects.....		\$ 41 08
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	1 40	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....		\$ 1 40
Total of Offerings.....		\$ 45 41

Value of Church Property—The Church, \$2,000. Indebtedness—secured, \$500. Insurance on the church, \$1,500. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 150; all free.

The American Church Building Fund Commission has a mortgage of \$500 on the property. The Mission pays the interest. Report partly from last year.

Bishop's Address, page 99-107.

GRACE MISSION, STANTON, MONTCALM COUNTY, (1887).

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants, last reported, 13. Present number, male, 1; female, 12; total 13. Public services, Sundays 6. Holy communion, 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the offertory, \$5.29; Individual gifts, \$5.00; total, \$10.29.

Disbursements—

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 10 29	
Total for Diocesan objects.....		10 29
Total of offerings.....		\$ 10 29

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S. JOHN'S MISSION, TUSTIN, OSCEOLA COUNTY, (1873)

In charge of the General Missionary.

Communicants, last reported, 4; present number, 4. No other report at hand.

See General Missionary's report. The building is used for services, to prevent the destruction that comes from disuse.

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(UNORGANIZED.)

UNORGANIZED MISSION, LUTHER, LAKE COUNTY.

In charge of the General Missionary (1886).

Charles D. Barghoorn, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Baptized—Infants, 1; Confirmed persons in the Parish, 13. Communicants—last reported, 14; admitted 2; received, 1; total, 3; removed 6. Present number, male 4; female, 7; total 11; Burials, 2. Public services—Sundays, 8; week days, 4; total, 12. Holy Communion—Public, 3. Congregation—Families, 7; adults, 18; children, 18; total, 36; of these, baptized persons, 33. Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female 4, total 5. Pupils—male 15, female 18; total 33; average attendance, 20. Subscribers to *Church Helper*, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—

The receipts have been from the Offertory, \$14.76. The Sunday School, \$13.75.

Disbursements—

Expenses of the Missionary, (Hotel).....	\$	9 25	
Full payment on organ.....		25 28	
On bill of hardware, etc. for Chapel.....		6 40	
For the Sunday School.....		2 81	
By the Sunday School, for its expenses.....		3 10	
Total for Parochial objects.....			\$46 84
Diocesan Missions.....		7 00	
Total for Diocesan objects.....			\$ 7 00
Sunday School centennial offering for general Missions.....		1 14	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese.....			\$1 14
Total of offerings.....			\$54 98

Value of Church Property.—The Chapel and Lots, \$500. Indebtedness—Floating, \$49.00. Capacity of the Church building—Whole number of sittings, 90, all free.

The Chapel so far as completed, has cost about \$220.00, of which sum \$49.00 is owing for lumber. About \$160 was contributed without the Mission. The contributions to the building fund in Luther have been mostly in labor or the reduction of bills; but the ladies hope to clear the indebtedness by their labor and by a general subscription.

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UNORGANIZED MISSIONS (CONTINUED).

ADVANCE.—No report.

HOWARD CITY.—In charge of the General Missionary. Communicants reported, 7. Holy Communion celebrated, once. Number of services, week days, 1.

KALKASKA.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants last reported, 8. Number of services, week days, 1. Receipts, \$5.00.

MORLEY, MECOSTA COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants last reported, 7. Number of services held, Sundays, 4; week days 1. Holy Communion celebrated, 2. Receipts for Diocesan Missions, \$4.74.

MANTON, WEXFORD COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants last reported, 4. No services held during the year.

MENDON, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants reported, 9. Number of services Sundays, 2; Week days, 2; total 4. Holy Communion celebrated once. Receipts for Diocesan Missions, \$1.95.

MANCERLONA, ANTRIM COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants last reported, 4. No services held during the year.

OTSEGO, ALLEGAN COUNTY.—In charge of Rev. W. P. Law. Number of Baptized persons, 20. Number of families, 8. Number confirmed, 10. Number of communicants, 10. No financial report.

See Bishop's Address, page 104.

LUTHER, LAKE COUNTY.—In charge of the General Missionary. Baptisms, infants, 1. Number of communicants last reported, 17; number services, 12; Holy Communions celebrated, public 3; receipts, \$28.51.

REED CITY, OSCEOLA COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number of communicants reported 12. Number of services Sundays, 2; week days, 3. Holy Communion celebrated once. Receipts for the Diocesan Missions, \$2.93.

SPARTA, KENT COUNTY.—In charge of Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. Regular services are held once a month. No other report.

STURGIS, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Baptisms, infants, 2; adults, 4; total, 6. Number of communicants reported, 8. Number of services, 10. Holy Communion celebrated twice. Receipts for Diocesan Missions, \$7.91

SCHOOLCRAFT, KALAMAZOO COUNTY.—In charge of Rev. R. E. Jones. Number of families, 10. Number of communicants reported, 25. Number of Baptisms, 8. Number confirmed, 3. Celebration Holy Communion, two. Receipts reported, \$2.00. Offerings are devoted to Missionary Pledge and expense of the service. A very gratifying interest is shown by the people and the prospects for growth are very encouraging.

TRUFANT, MONTCALM COUNTY.—In charge of General Missionary. Number communicants last reported.— Number services reported.—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

TO THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, S. T. D.:

The following is a summary of my work as General Missionary, from June 10, 1888, to June 3, 1889.

PLACES SERVED OR VISITED.	Sunday Services.	Services or visits, week days.	Holy Communion.	Largest Number Communicating.	Burials.	Baptized Children	Baptized Adults.	Offerings for Diocesan Missions.	Offerings for General Missions.
Charlevoix.....	4		2	23				\$ 7.52	
Charlotte.....	14	4	4	21		1	1	21.12	\$ 3.79
East Jordan.....	8	3	4	9		5	3	12.47	9.90
Greenville.....	4		1	16				7.88	
Holland.....	2		1	6				1.49	
Howard City.....		1	1	7					
Kalkaska.....		1						5.00	
Luther.....	8	4	3	11	2	1		7.00	1.14
Mendon.....	2	2	1	9				1.95	
Morley.....	4	1	2	7				4.71	
Paw Paw.....	4		2	14				6.83	
Pentwater.....	4		2	17				5.55	
Reed City.....	12	3	1	8				2.93	
Rockford.....	4		1	7				1.45	
Schoolcraft.....	12		1	9				2.00	
Stanton.....	4		2	11				10.29	
Sturgis.....	4	3	2	8	2	4		7.91	
Three Rivers.....	2		1	14				4.67	
Union City.....	4		2	21	1			10.20	
Whitehall.....	2							2.52	
Total.....	78	22	33		2	10	8	\$ 123.52	\$14.83

Two Missions made offerings for the yellow fever sufferers of Florida, sent to Bishop Weed—Charlotte, \$3.13, and East Jordan, \$4.02. Rockford made an offering of \$1.40 for the American Church-Building Fund; and East Jordan an offering of \$2.50 to the Church Prayer Book Society; total remitted by the General Missionary, \$149.40.

Nine have been confirmed at East Jordan. In other cases appointments for confirmation were postponed on account of the sickness of the Missionary.

I have given the Holy Communion in private three times: once in Olivet, once in Reed City, and once in the neighborhood of Rockford. I officiated one Sunday in Petoskey, and one in S. Paul's, Grand Rapids, and exchanged three Sundays with Rectors who gave the day to Missions in their neighborhood.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, General Missionary.

MISSIONS AND PARISHES,

REPORTED BY THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

*S. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County (1876).—*No services have been given here during the year. The windows have had to be boarded up to protect them from vandalism. The last report of communicants (in 1887) gave the number as 4. One lady of this Mission has been confirmed in Charlotte. Present number (estimated) 5. When Charlotte has her resident priest, it may be possible to revive the work in Eaton Rapids.

*S. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County, (1876).—*There is no token of cheer visible here. Rarely has any Mission found itself with lots more eligibly located than is the case at Evart. But the local trustees appear to be quite indifferent to the Church situation. They neither improve the property of the Mission themselves, nor will they allow the Trustees of the Diocese to receive it and improve it. They have allowed it to be sold for taxes repeatedly, and in the end it will be probably become the prize of some tax-title buyer.

*S. Paul's Mission, Greenville, Montcalm Co., (1881).—*Communicants last reported, 26; Public Services, Sundays, 6; Holy Communion, Public, 3; Receipts from the Offertory, for Diocesan Missions, \$7.88. Value of church property, the church \$1,800. Number of sittings, 250, all free. Subscribers to the "Church Helper," 8.

*Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia Co., (1867).—*Communicants last reported, female, 5; subscribers to "Church Helper," 2. No services have been given during the year, nor can be in the present condition of the Church edifice.

*Grace Mission, Stanton, Montcalm Co., (1887).—*Communicants last reported, male, 1; female, 12; total, 13. Public services, Sundays, 6. Holy Communion, public, 3; receipts, Offertory, \$5.29; Individual gifts, \$5.00; total \$10.29; Disbursements, Diocesan Missions, \$10.29.

S. John's Church, Sturgis, St. Joseph County, (1873).—This parish has been really defunct for several years. It was never in union with the convention, but maintained regular services for a considerable time. A beginning was made to build a house of worship, but the attempt miscarried after the public "laying of the corner stone." The General Missionary has given 4 Sunday services and three on week days: baptized four adults and two children; ten persons have received the Holy Communion, (three ministrations); four or five confirmed persons have not yet communed; several desire confirmation. Offertory, to Diocesan Missions, \$7.91. There is really much here to assure the reward of success to patient, earnest, prayerful labor.

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, (1868).—Communicants last reported, 22; public services, Sundays, 2; Holy Communion, public, 1; from the Offertory for Diocesan Missions, \$4.67; Subscribers to "Church Helper," 4.

Tustin, Osceola County.—Communicants last reported, 4; Subscribers to "Church Helper", 2. We have neither organization nor property here, only a few scattered members, some of them strongly attached to the Church. The General Missionary has not been able to visit them the past year.

REPORT OF REV. A. W. MANN,
GENERAL MISSIONARY TO DEAF MUTES.

To the Rt. Rev. George DeNormandie Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan.

During the year just closed, I held services for deaf mutes at S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids; Grace Church, Charlotte; S. John's Church, Ionia; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan. The services at S. Paul's Church, Flint, Diocese of Michigan, have reached the deaf-mute pupils of the State School, whose homes are in the Western Diocese. Those at Jackson have been attended to by those living over the Diocesan line at Homer, Albion, Pulaski.

I have also officiated at the large centres of other Mid-Western Dioceses. My field of labor extends from the Alleghenies to the Missouri River,—an area much too large for a single missionary, but which I consider it my duty to hold and work until the Church can provide more workers.

My work is among a widely scattered people, whose ratio

to other people is as one to sixteen hundred. They cannot be reached in the ordinary way, and so need the Church's services in a language suited to their case. At present, they are more disadvantageously situated with regard to spiritual privileges than any class of people in Christian communities. The blind, who are almost universally regarded as more grievously afflicted, can take part in public worship and instruction in common with, and as frequently as, *seeing* people. Thus they need no special ministry with a special language, as do the deaf. The latter, owing to the present fewness of their clergy, enjoy the blessed privileges of worship at long intervals. The blind have enjoyed these privileges from the day that the Gospel was first preached. Not so the deaf. It is but four decades since the Church began to look after them: and but little more than a decade since the first deaf man was vested with Holy Orders.

Baptisms: S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, 3; Charlotte, 2; S. Paul's Church, Flint, 1; (from this Diocese) total 6. In my entire field, 46. Since 1875, 472. Confirmations: S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, 5. Three candidates to be confirmed at Flint belong to this Diocese. In my entire field, 26. Communicants: Grand Rapids, 16; Battle Creek, 4; Charlotte, 3; Diamonddale, 2; Union City, 2; Vicksburg, 2; Constantine, 1; Hastings, 1; Muskegon, 2; Newaygo, 1; Albion, 1; Pulaski, 1; Ionia, 1; and Lyons, 1. Total 38. In my entire field, 360.	
Receipts,—Stipend	\$ 75.00
Offerings—S. Mark's Grand Rapids	13.15
“ —Mission, Charlotte	3.77
“ —S. John's, Ionia	1.75
“ —Good Shepherd, Allegan	5.00
“ —Lodge of Perfection	2.01
“ —S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids	15.00
Total	\$115.78

REPORTS OF CLERGY NOT IN PAROCHIAL CHARGE.

THE REV. J. RICE TAYLOR.

Mission House, 288 East 10th St. New York.
Monday, June 3d, 1889.

*To the Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.,
Bishop in Western Michigan.*

The undersigned would respectfully report, that, after Easter, 1888, up to the time of his resignation of S. Paul's, Grand

Rapids, June 3d, he has held there 16 services, with sermons or addresses, besides superintending the Sunday School every Sunday. Before leaving for the East, he preached twice in the Diocese and assisted in 4 services. Since that time, in South Amboy N. J., at Lebanon Springs, N. Y., in Philadelphia, but mainly in New York City, at S. Mark's Memorial Chapel up to Easter, '89, he has held services or assisted 86 times, and delivered as many sermons or addresses; baptising 9 children and 1 adult; attended 1 marriage and 4 burials.

He cannot close his report without acknowledging with praise and thanksgiving to GOD many generous hospitalities, and acts of kind consideration here and elsewhere. He would respectfully add that besides these blessing he has received in fees, and considerations for services rendered not over \$300.00, and finds himself in debt for \$150.00 borrowed money.

At the present time he is in charge of S. Mark's Church, New York, during the Rector's absence in Europe.

J. RICE TAYLOR.

REV. C. R. HUSON.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir.

I send in my report for the past year. I filled Mr. Hughes' place in S. Mark's Church one Sunday during his vacation in the Summer; both reading Morning Service and preaching. I performed the Burial Service three times. This is all the Clerical duty I have done during the year.

I remain, Right Rev. and dear Sir,
Sincerely Yours,

C. R. HUSON.

Coldwater, Mich.
June 3d, 1889.

REV. DARIUS BARKER.

OLIVET, May 13, 1889.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:

Mr. Barker's report is this—"Though unable to officiate at any public service, I offer the morning and evening prayer daily in my family, and listen daily to more or less of scripture reading, and on Sundays to the Collects, Epistle and Gospel for the day. My interest continues strong in the church and her welfare—remembering her in my prayers that the continual dew of God's blessing may rest upon her and that her ministers may be holy, faithful and successful."

Truly Yours,

REV. D. BARKER.
By Mrs. D. Barker.

LAY READERS' REPORTS.

Grace Church, Holland; Mr. C. A. Stevenson, Lay-reader:
Have held seventeen Services in Grace Church, Holland,
since the 23d day of January, 1889.

Grace Church, Charlotte; Mr. Orr Schurtz, Lay-reader:
The following report of Lay Services in Grace Mission, beginning June 10th, '88, and ending April 20th, '89, is respectfully submitted:

Total number of services, Sundays, 33, Lenten, 20.

Total amount of offerings, \$73.79.

Number of sermons read, 7.

Services have been held at 11 A. M. Hereafter they will be held at 10:30, and it is intended to read a short sermon at each; it has not been practical in the past because of the short time. For the past three or four weeks sermons have been read regularly.

S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids; Mr. Horatio B. Lewis, Lay-reader:

Since October 5th, '88, the date of my license, I have conducted services as follows:

Sunday Morning Prayer, 26, holy days, 1, evening 1, week days, 2; total, 30.

In addition to the above I have read Committal Service once.

S. Paul's Church, Muskegon; Mr. J. B. Murphy, Lay-reader:

As Lay-reader of S. Paul's Church, I take pleasure in sending you a record of my services for the past year. Have by desire of the Rector read the Lessons 6 times, Litany 3 times, and on one occasion read the Burial Service.

S. James' Mission, Pentwater; George H. Cleveland, M. D., Lay-reader:

From Easter 1888, to and including Easter 1889:

Total number of Lay Services, 53, Sunday, 48, average attendance 24, total, 1,164; week days services, 5, average attendance, 19, total, 94.

New York; Louis S. Joy:

As to my Lay-reader's report, I have read occasional Ser-

vices at S. Michael's Church, and for the past four Sundays have read, at Dr. Peters' request, at a Mission Station in Rockland Co. I respectfully request a renewal of my license as Lay Reader.

Grace Church, Ludington; W. H. Stanhope, Lay-reader:

I have the honor to report my services as Lay-reader of Grace Church, Ludington, commencing at Easter 1888. Assisted the Rector in Morning and Evening Services from that time until August, 1888, excepting three full Sunday Morning Services during the Rector's absence in Ann Arbor for the treatment of his eyes.

Have held Cottage Services in Scottville three Sunday evenings in the month, from the 11th of November (24th Sunday after Trinity) to date, and assisting the Rector Sunday morning, the remaining Sunday, in Ludington.

S. Paul's, Grand Rapids; C. A. Eaton, Lay-reader:

I have held Morning Prayer with Address every Sunday A. M., from Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 24th, 1888, to fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 9th, 1888. From September 9th, 1888, to Easter Day, April 21st, 1889. Morning and Evening Prayer and Address (at each Service).

Services, whole or part in other Churches:

S. Mark's, per request of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Fair:

Read part of Service and Lessons, Sunday, P. M., June 24th, July 5th, July 8th.

Conducted week evening Service, Evening Prayer and Address during Rector's absence in summer. Wednesdays, July 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22d, 29th, and September 5th.

On two or three Fridays at 5 P. M., Litany.

Grace Church, per request of the Rector, the Rev. T. J. Knapp, D. D.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 2d, 1888, read the Service and Lessons at Evening Prayer.

October 17th, Wednesday P. M., read Service and gave address.

November 18th, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, 1888, Morning Prayer and address.

November 30th, Thanksgiving Day, read part of Service.

January 30th, 1889, Wednesday, gave address.

March 30th, 1889, Wednesday, read the Service.

Trinity Church, per request of Rector, the Rev. Sidney H. Woodford:

Friday, March 22d, 1889, Evening Prayer and address.

APPENDIX "C."

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CONVOCATION.

The Grand Rapids Convocation has to report that one meeting has been held since the last Convention on September 11th, 1888, at Ludington. At this meeting, the Rev. H. E. S. Somerville was elected Secretary in the place of the Rev. M. S. Woodruff, removed to the Diocese of Michigan. The traveling expense of the Clergy were paid in full from the Bishop's Trust Fund, \$20.00; order on same, \$1.41, offering \$7.94, total \$29.35. There is no money on hand at the present time.

HENRY E. S. SOMERVILLE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING AND DIOCESAN CHURCH CONFERENCE.

The Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference has been held twice during the past year, at Allegan and at Muskegon. Both meetings were well attended by the Clergy of the Diocese.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Sec'y.

ARTHUR P. GREENLEAF, Treasurer,

In account with Semi-Annals.

Nov., 1888.	Received from Bishop at Allegan.....	\$ 25 00
	Offertories at Allegan.....	\$ 7 43
May, 1890.	Received from Bishop at Muskegon.....	25 00
	Offertory at Muskegon.....	3 87
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		\$ 61 30

Expenses of Clergy at Allegan.....	\$ 29 00
Express.....	1 75
Expenses of Clergy at Muskegon	22 52
Printing.....	6 35
On hand.....	1 68
	<u>\$ 61 30</u>

AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND COM- MISSION.

The commissioners representing in the Diocese of Western Michigan the American Church building Fund Commission, respectfully report the following contributions to the Fund since the last convention:

1888.

June 16.—S. Mark's.....	\$ 5 00
June 27.—J. C. Burnham.....	10 00
July 7.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft—Interest on loan to S. James' church, Rockford.....	30 78
Nov. 15.—Trinity, Grand Rapids.....	13 30
Nov. 15.—S. Paul, Muskegon.....	6 84
Nov. 16.—S. Mark's, Coldwater.....	7 25
Nov. 17.—Holy Trinity, Benton Harbor.....	1 33

1889.

Jan. 2.—St. James', Rockford.....	1 40
Jan. 2.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	5 00
March 20.—Miss May Pennfield.....	5 00
April 11.—S. John's, Ionia.....	3 40
" 11.—Church Good Shepherd, Allegan.....	4 57
" 11.—S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....	20 00
" 22.—S. James', Rockford—Int. on loan per Bishop Gillespie	27 00
Total.....	<u>\$141 07</u>

As over \$50 of this amount was in payment of interest on the \$500 lent by the Commission to S. James, Rockford, the actual assistance rendered by the Diocese to the Fund was a little short of \$100. This sum is by no means so small as it may appear. The Diocese has its own Building Fund and in several of our Parishes and Missions there has been a large outlay in the erection of churches, school houses and a hospital.

The Commission reminds the Clergy that the 2nd Sunday in November is the appointed date for appropriating the offering to the Church Building Fund Commission.

CAMPBELL FAIR,
Commissioner.

REPORT OF S. MARK'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.

The advancement of the charitable work of S. Mark's Home and Hospital during the past year has been retarded, owing to the limited facilities of our present building; consequently this report varies little from preceding ones. During the year there were received into our home 253 persons. Of this number 217 have been dismissed, leaving the present number of inmates 36. Of those who paid in whole or part for board there have been 66; chargeable to the city, 51; chargeable to the county, 53, self-supporting, 36; specifically charitable beneficiaries, 47. Meals and lodges given at the Home, 85. Number of births, 2; deaths, 6. Number of Board meetings held during the year, 52, with an average attendance of eleven membe.s.

A worthy matron, two nurses, and three servants are connected with the institution, and the average number of patients or inmates is 36.

The needs and efforts of our work have received substantial encouragement from the munificent bequest of our lamented Patron, the late R. E. Butterworth. We have thus been enabled to commence a building proportionately commodious for present and future requirements. In the completion of this structure let every member of the Diocese feel an equal pride and interest, and in heart and purse give such assistance as they can towards its speedy completion.

MRS. B. R. PIERCE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop, and the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Secretary of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, reports for the year—from June 1st, 1888, to June 1st, 1889—the special work undertaken, which was—the payment of a salary of \$225 to Mrs. Mary E. Miles, a Missionary among colored people at Clover Depot, Halifax Co., Virginia; the support of a Scholarship in S. Margaret's School, Tokio, Japan, \$40; a little cot in S. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China, \$30; the Dr. Cuming Scholarship, S. John's School,

Cheyenne River Agency, Dakota, \$60; and twenty-one missionary boxes and parcels, and cash collected and disbursed as follows:

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.		No. Boxes	Value.
Allegan, Good Shepherd.	To Diocesan Missionary.....	1	\$ 7 50
" " "	Xmas gifts sent to Mrs. Miles.....	1	7 50
" " "	Akeley Institute.....	1	3 25
Muskegon, S. Paul's.	" "	1	8 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.	" "	1	10 75
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.	To Diocesan Missionaries.....	2	85 00
" " "	Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., Mrs. Miles.....	1	15 00
" " "	Akeley Institute.....	1	31 00
Hastings, Emmanuel,	" "	1	34 76
Ionla, S. John's,	" "	1	6 75
Marshall, Trinity,	" "	1	9 00
	sent to Mrs. Miles.....	1	50 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's,	Diocesan Missionary.....	1	66 00
" " "	"Willing Hand" Diocesan Missionary.....	2	34 00
" " "	Akeley Institute.....	1	17 50
" " "	"Parish Aid"	1	29 40
Niles, Trinity, Fort Smith, Ark.....		1	16 00
" " Mrs. Buford, for colored School.....		1	13 00
" " Mrs. Miles.....		1	11 00
Total value of boxes.....			\$455 41

CASH RECEIVED.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.	Afri- ca.	Miss Riddick's Salary.	Little Col. S. Marys Orphanage.	Mrs. Miles' Salary	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Mis- sions.	Bishop Gillespie Scholarship.	Dr. Cumming Schol- arship.
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....				\$16 25			\$5 00	-----
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'.....				13 50	\$10 00		5 20	-----
Gr. Rapids, S. Marks, Wo. Aux.....			\$10 00	40 00	20 00			\$10 00
" " S. School.....							24 75	12 50
" " Indust. Band.....		\$5 00			5 00	\$15 00		5 00
" " Y. L. Miss. Soc.....					7 50			
Grand Haven, S. John's.....				13 43	5 00			
" " Sunday School.....			5 00					10 00
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....				4 88				
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....			5 00	12 00	10 00			
Grand Rapids, Grace Church.....				5 00				
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	\$10 00	2 00	5 00	15 07			5 00	
Ionla, S. John's.....				3 43	2 75		5 00	
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....			5 00	69 50	6 00			1 50
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....				12 50				5 00
Marshall, Trinity.....			6 00	20 00			10 00	10 00
Niles, Trinity.....								3 50
Pentwater, S. James.....			3 00	2 45				
Stanton, indiv. gift, Easter off.....			1 00					
Total.....	\$10 00	\$7 00	\$40 00	228 01	\$66 25	\$15 00	\$54 95	\$57 50

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

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Total for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 111 85	
" " Domestic Missions.....	300 51	
" " Diocesan "	66 25	
Total cash.....		\$ 478 77
		<u>447 41</u>
Total cash and boxes.....		\$ 936 18
For Diocesan expenses.—From Board of Missions.....	\$ 10 00	
Offertory, Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	21 00	
Hastings, Battle Creek, Ionia, Stanton, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Marshall, Grand Haven—from each parish \$2.00.....	16 00	
Total for Diocesan expenses.....		\$ 47 00

Mrs. JULIA M. HADLEY. Secretary.

APPENDIX "D."

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded, and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention; and when he may deem it advisable he may appoint on a committee to report to the next Convention a person qualified to be a delegate who is not a member of the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rises, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention without leave asked and voted.

APPENDIX "E."

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF AKELEY INSTITUTE.

BE IT KNOWN, That the Right Bev. George D. Gillespie, Rev. John N. Rippey, and Messrs. Dwight Cutler, George W. McBride, Thomas A. Parish, Charles F. Bock and Edwin F. Sweet, being more than five persons, did, on the 14th day of December, A. D., 1888, meet together at the residence of the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent and State of Michigan, in order to organize and create a corporation for the purpose of founding and establishing an Institution of Learning at the City of Grand Haven, in the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled, "an Act to Provide for the Incorporation of Institutions of Learning," approved February 9th, A. D. 1855, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Donations to the amount of upwards of \$5000.00 for such Institution of Learning having been in good faith subscribed, and more than 50 per cent thereon having been actually paid in, the persons above named elected the following named persons trustees for such Institute of Learning:

William B. Williams; Noah P. Loveridge; Thomas A. Parish; George W. McBride; Dwight Cutler; Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie; Edwin F. Sweet; William N. Brown; Charles F. Bock; William P. Savidge; Francis B. Stockbridge; Henry F. Severns; Rev. John N. Rippey.

We, the said persons so elected as trustees for the purpose of establishing a corporation for the object above mentioned under and in accordance with said act, do hereby subscribe the following Articles of Association and duly adopt the same.

ARTICLE ONE.

The name of this Corporation and the Institution of Learning so formed is, "Akeley Institute."

ARTICLE TWO.

The object of this corporation is to carry on an Institution of Learning at said City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, and to furnish opportunities for a liberal literary, scientific and practical education in connection with proper religious influences and instructions according to the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and such shall be its character.

ARTICLE THREE.

The amount of capital stock of said corporation donated and in good faith subscribed is the sum of \$5,665.00, and the amount actually paid in is \$3,390.00 in cash, together with certain buildings and grounds in said City of Grand Haven, of the value of about \$50,000, which have been actually donated for the purpose aforesaid.

ARTICLE FOUR.

The names and places of residence of said trustees are as follows:—William B. Williams, Allegan, Mich.; Noah P. Lovridge, Coldwater, Mich.; Thomas A. Parish, Grand Haven, Mich.; George W. McBride, Grand Haven, Mich.; Dwight Cutler, Grand Haven, Mich.; Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Edwin F. Sweet, Grand Rapids, Mich.; William N. Brown, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Charles F. Bock, Battle Creek, Mich.; William P. Savidge, Spring Lake, Mich.; Francis B. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Henry F. Severens, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Rev. John N. Rippey, Muskegon, Mich.; who shall continue in office until the first Tuesday in July, 1889, or until their successors shall be duly elected as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE FIVE.

The trustees hereinbefore named shall elect by ballot on the said first Tuesday in July, 1889, fifteen trustees who shall be the successors of those hereinbefore named and shall designate three of such successors whose term of office shall expire one year thereafter: three whose term of office shall expire two years thereafter: three whose term of office shall expire three years thereafter: three whose term of office shall expire four years thereafter: three whose term of office shall expire five years thereafter; and upon the first Tuesday of July, 1890, and each year thereafter the trustees of said Institution shall elect by bal-

lot three persons as trustees for the term of five years in place of the three trustees whose term of office expires at or about the date of such election. A majority of the trustees present at such meeting on the first Tuesday in July of each year, or in case a quorum of such trustees is not present at such meeting, a majority present at the first meeting thereafter at which such quorum shall be present, shall be necessary to elect such successors, and such successors shall be elected from a list of persons to be nominated by the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and transmitted to the Secretary of such Board of Trustees prior to the said first Tuesday in July in each year, provided the number of persons so nominated shall, in the year 1889, be not less than twenty and in each year thereafter not less than five, and provided that at least two-thirds of the persons so nominated and two thirds of those so elected shall be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. All the trustees so elected shall severally continue in office until the expiration of the term for which they are elected or until their successors shall be duly elected as hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE SIX.

Said Institute shall be located in the City of Grand Haven, County of Ottawa and State of Michigan.

ARTICLE SEVEN.

The aforesaid trustees and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate with all the powers conferred by the statute aforesaid.

IN WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto subscribed the foregoing Articles of Association, this 3d day of January, A. D., 1889.

Geo. D. Gillespie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Geo. W. McBride, Grand Haven, Mich.; Thos. A. Parish, Grand Haven, Mich.; Dwight Cutler, Grand Haven, Mich.; William P. Savidge, by Mrs. S. C. Savidge, Spring Lake, Mich.; J. N. Rippey, Muskegon, Mich.; E. F. Sweet, Grand Rapids, Mich.; H. F. Severens, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Francis B. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Chas. F. Bock, Battle Creek, Mich.; Noah P. Loveridge, Coldwater, Mich.; W. B. Williams, Allegan, Mich.; William N. Brown, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, {
COUNTY OF KENT. } ss.

George D. Gillespie, Henry F. Severens and Edwin F. Sweet being duly sworn, say that they are trustees of the Akeley

Institute and named as such in the annexed Articles of Association; that donations to the amount of five thousand dollars [\$5,000] and upwards have been in good faith subscribed and fifty per cent and upwards thereon in money has been paid in.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

H. F. SEVERENS.

E. F. SWEET.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 19th day of February, 1889.

CHARLES E. TEMPLE,
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan.

BY-LAWS OF AKELEY INSTITUTE.

I.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan shall be *ex-officio* President of the Board of Trustees, and shall be entitled to vote upon all questions coming before said Board.

II.

The Trustees shall annually elect from their own number a Vice President who, in the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate of said Diocese, or in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside over meetings of the Board of Trustees, and perform all the duties pertaining to the office of President.

III.

The Trustees shall also annually elect a Clerk from their own number who shall perform the usual duties of such office, and a Treasurer who may be a member of said Board or otherwise, as said Trustees shall determine. Said Treasurer shall always, and all other agents when requested, give bond for the security of the corporation in such penal sum and with such sureties as the Board of Trustees shall approve.

IV.

The Trustees shall also annually elect from their own number two persons who, with the President or acting President of said Board as *ex-officio* Chairman, shall constitute the Executive Committee who shall have a general supervision of the property and financial affairs of the corporation, and shall have full power and authority to transact all the business of said corporation, not

required by the Articles of Association or these By-Laws to be transacted by the Board. Such Committee shall make a report to said Board at its annual meeting or when required at any special meeting.

V.

All of said officers shall be elected by ballot at the meeting of said Board held on the first Tuesday of July in each year, and shall hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors shall be duly elected; provided, that said Board may elect at its first meeting officers whose term shall expire the first Tuesday of July, 1889.

VI.

The annual meeting of said Board shall be held at the City of Grand Haven on said first Tuesday of July in each year, and Special meetings shall be held at such times and places as the President may appoint, and it shall be the duty of the President to call a Special meeting upon the written request of any three members of said Board. Notice of not less than 6 days shall be given by mail of each Special meeting of the Board.

VII.

At any meeting of said Board a majority thereof shall constitute a quorum.

VIII.

At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall present a report which shall contain a complete statement of the financial condition of said corporation during the previous year, and the same shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee before it shall be presented to said Board.

IX.

The Principal of said Akeley Institute, who shall always be a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be elected and his or her compensation fixed by the Board of Trustees, and the action of such Board shall be necessary either for the election or dismissal of such Principal.

X.

The Principal shall arrange courses of instruction and shall take the general management of the internal affairs of said Institute subject to the direction and approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

XI.

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be added at any meeting of said Board of Trustees by a majority vote of the members present, but such change shall not take effect until the next meeting thereafter, such amendments or changes shall not be made at any Special meeting, without notice thereof having been given in the notice provided for the Special meeting.



APPENDIX "F."

ASSESSMENT FOR 1889-1890

On Parishes in the Diocese of Western Michigan, prepared by
the Treasurer of the Diocese for the Committee according
to Canon 16, Section 1. Rate 5 per cent.

PARISHES.	Base of Assessm't.	Amount.
Albion, S. James' - - -	\$ 442 47	\$ 22 12
Allegan, Good Shepherd - - -	954 95	47 74
Battle Creek, S. Thomas' - - -	2025 49	101 27
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's - - -	843 12	42 15
Coldwater, S. Mark's - - -	1775 96	88 79
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's - - -	170 14	8 50
Grand Haven, S. John's - - -	930 99	46 54
Grand Rapids, Grace - - -	1459 40	72 97
" S. Paul's - - -	636 70	31 88
" Trinity - - -	1170 45	58 52
" S. Mark's - - -	7705 72	385 28
Hastings, Emmanuel - - -	1189 00	59 45
Holland, Grace - - -	134 14	6 20
Homer, Christ - - -	104 69	5 23
Ionia, S. John's - - -	1403 49	70 17
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's - - -	4606 73	230 33
Ludington, Grace - - -	286 88	14 34
Marshall, Trinity - - -	1547 03	77 35
Muskegon, S. Paul's - - -	1811 58	90 57
Manistee, S. Paul's - - -	1465 90	73 25
Niles, Trinity - - -	585 90	29 29
Paw Paw, S. Mark's - - -	43 47	2 17
Saranac, Trinity - - -		
Saugatuck, All Saints' - - -	669 30	33 46
Three Rivers, Trinity - - -		
Traverse City, Grace - - -		
Union City, Grace - - -	5 00	25
Whitehall, Redeemer - - -	5 10	25
Total, - - -	31973 54	\$1598 07

T. P. SHELDON,
For Committee on Assessments.

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND

PLACE AND PARISH.	Property by whom held.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Rectory.	Value of other Property.	Insurance Carried.	Indebtedness—Secured.	Indebtedness—Floating.
Albion, S. James'	Vestry	\$ 5,000			\$ 3,500		\$ 500
Allegan, Good Shepherd	"	6,000	1,500	1,325	5,000	750	100
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	"	24,000	1,800		7,000		
Big Rapids, S. Andrews'	"	3,500	1,400		3,050	275	
Coldwater, S. Mark's	"	16,500			7,500		
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's	Asso'n	5,381			3,500		300
Grand Haven, S. John's	Vestry	6,000	1,500		3,700	750	251
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	"	65,000	12,000	50,000	24,500	3,000	1,250
Grand Rapids, Grace	"	10,000	2,200		4,500	750	300
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	"	3,000			2,000		
Grand Rapids, Trinity	Asso'n	5,000			2,000		
Hastings, Emmanuuel	Vestry	2,500			1,200		
Holland, Grace	"	3,600			1,500		
Homer, Christ's	Vestry	1,500			1,200	1,000	150
Ionia, S. John's	"	8,100			6,000		
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	"	57,000	6,000	2,500	20,200		2,343
Ludington, Grace	"	4,100			2,200		
Marshall, Trinity	"	12,000	3,400	2,290	10,800		
Muskegon, S. Paul's	"	49,400		360	3,700	1500	1120
Manistee, S. Paul's	"	9,500			3,500	3,000	1,100
Niles, Trinity	"	15,000	1,300		4,500	600	250
Paw Paw, S. Mark's	"	3,000			1,000		
Saranac, Trinity	"	300					
Saugatuck, All Saints'	"	3,000					
Three Rivers, Trinity	"						
Traverse City, Grace	Vestry	2,000					
Union City, Grace	"	2,500			2,000		
Whitehall, Redeemer	"	2,000			1,000		
Totals		\$268,881	\$31,100	\$56,475	\$128,550	\$10,625	\$6,564
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.							
Baldwin, S. Matthias'	Asso'n	\$ 2,675					
Benton Harbor, Holy Trin	Trust.	2,675			\$ 1,200		
Charlevoix, Christ's	Asso'n	2 Lots				425	\$ 48
Charlotte, Grace	"						
Coopersville, Epiphany	"						
Evart, S. John's	Trust.						
Eaton Rapids, S. Mathias	Asso'n						
East Jordan, Redeemer	"	Lot		\$ 175			
Greenville, S. Paul's	"	1,800			2,000		
Harbor Springs, S. John's	"	3,000			4,200	725	68
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	"	5,000	2,000		2,000		
Newaygo, S. Mark's	Trust.	2,800			800		
Pentwater, S. James'	"	1,600					
Petoskey, Emmanuel	"	2,400					
Quincy, S. John's	Asso'n	1,200			1,000		
Rockford, S. James'	"	2,000			1,500	500	
Stanton, Grace	"						
Tustin, S. John's	Trust.	500					
Luther (unorganized)	"	500					
Total Missions		\$22,978	\$2,000	\$175	\$12,700	\$1,003	\$116
Total Parishes		268,881	31,100	56,475	128,550	10,625	6,564
Grand total		\$291,857	\$33,100	\$56,650	\$141,250	\$12,278	\$6,680

* And Rectory.

†Includes S. Luke's Chapel.

‡This debt is on

RECEIPTS OF PARISHES.

Church Sittings, Free.	Church Sittings, Rented.	Rector's Salary.	Communion Alms.	Sunday Schools.	Salaries and Current Expenses.	Increase of Church Property.	Reduction of Church Indebtedness.	Other Objects.	Balance in hand.	TOTAL.
200	\$ 525	\$14 32	\$	\$ 442 47	\$	\$200 00	\$ 93 17	\$ 50 96	\$ 800 92
250	* 800	40 32	50 00	954 95	.....	70 23	.....	75 00	1190 50
.....	* 1,000	.....	25 67	2025 49	110 00	.....	.....	2 32	2163 48
200	* 1,000	.....	50 99	843 12	58 64	156 12	275 00	11 92	1395 79
125	275	* 1,000	42 29	101 02	1775 96	211 50	500 00	.....	.....	2630 77
250	575	.....	48 11	170 14	.....	.....	.....	49 22	297 47
.....	* 800	15 45	61 06	930 99	.....	107 17	116 43	24 35	1255 45
500	800	* 3,600	601 65	433 32	7752 62	525 07	.....	1264 82	145 60	10773 19
340	* 1,000	.....	85 00	1459 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1544 40
250	11 89	636 70	205 00	.....	.....	1 85	855 44
225	1,000	23 90	30 52	1170 45	.....	118 00	.....	7 01	1377 02
160	900	8 48	94 47	1180 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	1313 00
150	43 87	134 14	1263 70	.....	.....	.....	1450 38
200	225	.....	.....	104 69	.....	.....	.....	45 48	150 17
375	55 48	1408 45	142 95	1075 33	.....	37 72	2677 21
700	1,500	191 42	32 63	4006 73	.....	2094 08	43 51	302 72	6968 37
300	200	.....	3 84	286 88	1 50	20 00	.....	10	512 22
150	300	* 1,000	83 30	15 49	1547 03	90 00	.....	.....	.....	1735 82
250	1,350	9 66	11 97	1811 58	644 87	122 84	.....	431 49	3042 41
150	1,000	65 27	60 00	1465 00	4055 18	.....	.....	4 50	6066 50
100	* 900	27 05	.....	585 90	.....	.....	139 98	.....	752 93
175	43 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 57
.....	700	.....	21 15	669 30	.....	.....	.....	39 00	729 45
.....
300	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
200	12 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 38

5,750 1,475 \$19,075 \$1123 31 \$1328 07 \$32,026 94 \$6301 41 \$4301 65 \$2203 29 \$1274 52 \$51,182 45

200	.....	\$ 6 00	\$ 18 00	\$242 42	\$10 60	\$540 00	.....	\$20 50	\$947 42
.....	.....	.....	6 52	21 70	.....	86 52	.....	.....	114 74
.....	.....	.....	33 97	58 22	195 00	.....	.....	.....	287 19
.....	
.....	.....	.....	21 09	6 58	104 77	.....	.....	.....	133 34
250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
200	.....	* 800	.....	634 50	95 00	25 00	31 81	17 80	788 31
150	.....	.....	.....	112 49	107 33	.....	40 00	9 15	289 16
200	.....	.....	.....	23 49	23 18	.....	.....	20 91	100 86
80	.....	.....	.....	23 49	23 18	.....	.....	20 91	100 86
.....	.....	1000	19 20	60 95	988 06	1165 68	.....	97 43	2331 82
100	.....	100	.....	33 50	139 88	27 31	.....	18 60	209 99
150	.....	.....	.....	4 51	.....	.....	35 57	2 03	41 08
.....	
.....	.....	.....	5 9	9 25	31 68	.....	.....	.....	46 84
1330	\$1,000	\$25 30	\$232 67	\$2,231 70	\$1,919 07	\$565 00	\$117 36	\$187 22	\$5,251 25
5750	1475	19,075	1123 31	1,328 07	32,023 94	6,301 41	4,301 65	2,203 29	1,274 52	51,182 45
7080	1475	20,975	1148 51	1580 74	34,258 71	8220 48	1806 65	3320 55	1461 74	56,432 70

S. Luke's Chapel.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.--CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.					WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.					Total from all Sources.	
	PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN.				Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Colored Missions.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.		Total outside of the Diocese.
		Dioceasan Missions	Dioceasan Assessments.	Aged and Infirm Clergy.	Other Objects.								Total Dioceasan
Almon, S. James.....	\$ 740 90	\$ 20 00	\$ 54 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 5 50	\$ 23 50	\$ 4 00	.....	.....	\$ 50 96	\$ 800 92
Alegan, Good Shepherd.....	1115 50	1 00	89 30	4 33	47 00	125 83	14 20	14 19	.....	.....	75 00	1354 58
Beaumont, St. Mary's.....	2101 16	50 00	46 80	13 50	15 61	218 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 23	2426 81
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	1386 87	50 00	46 80	15 00	.....	166 80	20 00	.....	.....	.....	11 02	1492 50
Calumet, St. Mary's.....	2630 30	80 00	68 80	15 00	.....	163 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2912 16
Clark Rapids, S. Paul's.....	248 25	5 00	46 70	.....	.....	51 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	282 77
Clark Rapids, S. John's.....	1231 10	30 00	41 35	3 02	45 35	122 02	2 05	12 30	10 00	10 00	.....	1457 33
Grand Haven, S. Mark's.....	147 52 24	1 00	303 30	178 32	4313 37	3502 98	200 00	200 00	8 83	10 00	49 38	56242 52
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	1544 40	70 00	68 20	5 15	.....	114 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	145 10	1700 16
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's.....	853 59	.....	12 95	5 31	.....	23 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 85	855 44
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	1377 02	50 00	50 40	7 28	34 76	142 34	2 28	2 27	.....	.....	84 35	1491 84
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	1450 88	2 61	.....	.....	.....	2 61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1450 88
Holland, Grace.....	104 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 68
Immer, Christ's.....	3630 30	35 10	45 00	11 80	12 05	103 94	11 45	17 09	2 53	.....	.....	3680 30
Jonas, S. John's.....	9068 37	381 84	125 00	45 00	50 61	582 45	100 56	97 52	.....	.....	.....	9641 35
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	312 22	5 00	15 90	1 70	.....	25 60	1 80	3 46	.....	.....	.....	312 22
Lansing, Grace.....	1786 22	93 70	75 00	17 60	.....	187 90	19 85	24 85	2 50	.....	.....	2028 56
Marshall, Trinity.....	2410 82	70 00	91 35	7 19	.....	182 71	16 19	4 04	9 46	.....	.....	2526 06
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	5685 45	25 10	10 00	3 12	14 23	30 12	3 79	13 54	1 59	.....	.....	5749 34
Manistee, Holy Trinity.....	612 61	.....	.....	.....	7 56	11 83	6 25	11 47	.....	.....	.....	708 25
Niles, Trinity.....	43 57	8 85	1 00	.....	2 00	11 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 78	45 40
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saranac, Trinity.....	64 46	15 33	20 15	2 10	2 00	38 78	5 50	5 50	.....	.....	11 00	780 23
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	.....	4 67	.....	.....	.....	4 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 67
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	.....	10 20	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Traverse City, Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union City, Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	.....	2 62	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 40
Total.....	\$86,160 96	\$2748 41	\$1190 65	\$323 53	\$4549 04	\$8106 63	\$426 52	\$430 32	\$27 30	\$34 49	\$1426 88	\$2346 49

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.									
Baldwin, S. Mathias'	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 11 00	\$5 88	\$5 88	\$1 50	\$ 13 28	\$ 20 50	\$ 371 68
Benton Harbor Holy Trin	114 74	26 12	26 12	3 63	1 90	3 13	8 65	41 13	137 75
Charlotte, Christ's	287 10	28 96	3 84	32 80	3 63	3 13	8 65	41 13	389 97
Coopersville, Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evart, S. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Easton Rapids, S. Mathias	133 34	14 54	.....	14 54	4 95	6 52	16 42	.....	164 30
Greenville, S. Paul's	7 88	.....	.....	7 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 88
Harbor Springs, S. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	788 31	30 00	.....	30 00	5 00	.....	5 00	17 80	841 11
Newaygo, S. Mark's	289 16	2 62	.....	2 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 68
Pentwater, S. James'	140 65	10 55	.....	24 55	2 54	4 96	4 96	20 91	170 49
Quincy, S. John's	209 99	5 00	.....	6 55	2 00	1 42	5 96	.....	222 50
Rockford, S. James'	41 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	1 40	2 83	45 41
Stanton, Grace	10 29	.....	.....	10 29	5 97	7 01	18 94	97 43	10 29
Petoskey, Emmanuel	2238 99	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2880 28
Tustin, S. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$5073 17	\$155 96	\$ 8 15	\$ 15 24	\$174 35	\$27 97	\$20 68	\$ 74 62	\$ 6002 57

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.									
Advance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kalkaska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Luther	\$ 46 84	\$ 5 00	.....	\$ 5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 5 00
Morley	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	57	.....	1 14	.....	54 98
Manton	.....	4 74	.....	4 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 74
Mendon	.....	1 95	.....	1 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 95
Mancelona	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oscego	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reed City	.....	2 83	.....	2 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 83
Sparta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sturgis	.....	7 91	.....	7 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 91
Schoolcraft	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Total Unorg'd Missions \$ 46 84	\$ 31 53	\$ 3 15	\$ 15 24	\$ 31 53	\$ 57 57	\$ 1 14	\$ 1 14	.....	\$ 79 52
Total Org'd Missions \$ 5076 17	155 96	323 53	4549 04	174 35	27 97	20 68	25 87	74 62	6002 57
Total Parishes	2143 41	\$ 1180 65	\$ 326 08	\$ 4564 28	\$ 402 57	\$ 445 06	\$ 451 57	\$ 27 30	\$ 9780 46
Grand Total	\$6023 60	\$ 2330 90	\$ 1180 65	\$ 4564 28	\$ 402 57	\$ 445 06	\$ 451 57	\$ 27 30	\$ 10342 55

*Includes unclassified. †Includes legacy to S. Mark's Home and Hospital.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL.

PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			No. Confirmed.	COMMUNICANTS.					NUMBER OF CELEBRATIONS.	
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Added.	Lost.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Public.	Private.
Aibion, S. James.....	4	26	30	16	17	9	12	78	90	45	5
Allegan, Good Shepherd.....	1	4	5	13	16	5	31	73	104	35	2
Battle Creek, S. Thomas.....	23	1	30	8	13	12	19	134	165	8	...
Big Rapids, S. Andrew's.....	5	1	6	9	9	2	31	95	114	...	...
Coldwater, S. Mark's.....	17	6	23	16	18	12	47	129	171	20	...
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's.....	10	1	11	...	5	15	30	77	39	12	1
Grand Haven, S. John's.....	8	6	14	10	20	16	30	77	107	71	...
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's.....	49	12	61	16	77	18	235	432	667	146	16
Grand Rapids, Grace.....	24	10	34	21	36	19	58	67	225	42	5
Grand Rapids, Trinity.....	5	1	6	8	15	9	16	42	58	19	2
Grand Rapids S. Paul's.....	10	...	10	7	17	4	17	83	100	19	2
Hastings, Emmanuel.....	14	6	20	13	16	21	17	83	100	3	...
Holland, Grace.....	...	1	1	...	...	6	...	22	28	3	...
Homestead, Christ's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ionia, S. John's.....	...	3	8	10	10	9	18	22	82	16	9
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's.....	22	8	30	25	38	21	92	312	404	21	2
Ludington, Grace.....	8	1	9	4	12	2	10	40	50	10	4
Marshall, Trinity.....	3	12	15	8	7	2	28	124	152	30	2
Muskegon, S. Paul's.....	24	5	29	18	49	23	47	153	195	39	...
Manistee, S. Paul's.....	12	1	13	8	16	6	39	151	190	83	3
Niles, Trinity.....	6	1	7	7	16	3	29	24	26	14	1
Paw Paw, S. Mark's.....	2	1	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saranac, Trinity.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saugatuck, All Saints.....	14	6	20	...	5	2	6	30	36	12	...
Three Rivers, Trinity.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Traverse City, Grace.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Union City, Grace.....	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	268	119	387	221	330	217	...	...	3302	701	59
ORGANIZED MISSIONS.											
Baldwin, S. Matthias.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Benton Harbor, Holy Trin.....	4	2	6	10	13	2	10	48	58	10	...
Charlevoix, Christ's.....	6	2	8	9	9	4	14	31	45	4	1
Charlotte, Grace.....	3	1	4	...	7	...	...	24	30	5	...
Coopersville, Epiphany.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	16	...	...
Ewart, S. John's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	...
Eaton Rapids, S. Mathias.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Jordan, Redeemer.....	6	3	9	9	1	1	7	14	21	5	...
Greenville, S. Paul's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Harbor Springs, S. John's.....	...	3	3	2	...	...	3	8	11	...	...
Harbor Springs, S. John's.....	22	9	31	14	16	14	22	56	78	23	2
Newaygo, S. Mark's.....	1	...	1	2	3	2	5	19	24	...	...
Pentwater, S. James.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	19	27	...	...
Petoskey, Emmanuel.....	14	16	30	21	24	13	10	49	59	4	...
Quincy, S. John's.....	1	6	7	5	5	3	2	20	31	6	...
Rockford, S. James.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	13	...	...
Stanton, Grace.....	1	12	13
Tustin, S. John's.....
Total Missions.....	57	42	99	72	78	35	94	333	462	57	4

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PUBLIC SERVICE'S										SUNDAY SCHOOL.										Books in Library.		Sub. to Church Helper.
Sundays.	Holy Days.	Week Days.	Total.	Marriages.	Burials.	Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Of these Baptized.	Of these Confirmed.	Teachers.			Scholars.			Average Attendance.	Books in Library.			
												Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.					
54	15	207	276	1	6	40	95	110	205	160	91	12	4	6	30	45	75	50	10			
90	50	40	180	9	8	60	170	10	270	160	110	4	6	10	20	50	70	50	16			
91	15	44	150	5	19	90	240	145	385	159	165	3	6	9	35	50	85	62	15			
48	13	19	80	3	3	34	130	45	175	159	119	2	14	16	35	55	90	70	175			
90	6	50	146	6	4	84	200	120	320	261	171	4	8	12	43	84	127	88	276			
44	20	38	102	6	4	34	55	53	108	91	43	4	6	10	40	25	65	50	74			
158	49	73	280	22	35	65	103	73	176	1870	*107	12	10	12	31	40	71	60	171			
251	110	455	816	22	36	400	1400	550	1950	1870	800	15	40	55	188	285	483	340	275			
130	7	109	246	14	18	138	290	125	415	250	*225	7	14	21	65	90	155	98	140			
96	46	40	182	5	9	56	100	85	185	1870	*58	4	8	12	38	39	62	40	140			
89	3	16	108	3	6	80	100	85	185	1870	*98	2	9	11	39	55	94	66	216			
104	24	30	158	3	6	6	100	85	185	1870	*100	3	9	12	53	74	127	90	140			
20	2	2	31	1	1	24	60	56	116	78	*29	1	1	1	8	25	31	56	45			
15	1	16	31	1	1	12	40	15	55	78	*29	1	1	1	8	25	31	56	45			
100	65	165	330	4	10	4	100	85	185	1870	*82	3	5	8	44	58	102	67	180			
103	10	68	181	10	22	225	545	265	810	1870	*104	4	19	23	75	125	200	130	200			
96	4	20	114	5	5	24	60	23	83	1870	*50	1	5	6	8	20	28	25	200			
120	12	90	222	9	19	130	281	180	461	434	*200	4	11	15	40	70	110	90	200			
151	20	95	266	3	8	59	118	79	197	195	*250	6	16	22	53	84	117	71	204			
106	31	85	222	3	8	59	118	79	197	195	*62	2	5	7	32	39	71	47	204			
54	8	40	102	2	2	98	200	100	300	190	*26	3	10	13	25	50	75	60	200			
6	1	12	19	2	2	98	200	100	300	190	*26	3	3	4	6	10	10	60	200			
104	15	39	158	4	3	43	74	60	134	120	*45	2	7	9	26	29	55	45	150			
2	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			
4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
109	439	1903	4171	113	195	1857	6594	6594	6594	3574	79	222	301	941	1399	2340	240	240	240			

51	4	11	66	2	3	22	62	82	14	81	58	3	3	6	10	14	24	18	20	6
17	1	1	18	3	3	16	50	30	80	68	45	2	5	7	32	14	103	66	80	4
45	5	50	50	19	50	16	66	16	66	42	33	3	6	9	12	12	34	29	11	11
10	4	14	14	17	40	32	72	67	67	35	2	6	8	10	38	27	27	8	8	8
6	6	6	6	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
156	11	62	232	7	1	50	114	50	164	138	78	2	6	8	20	35	55	45	150	6
36	1	4	61	1	1	20	35	35	55	40	25	2	4	6	11	20	31	25	13	13
106	8	44	158	2	23	38	46	78	150	64	31	1	5	6	12	24	36	25	3	3
29	12	40	40	2	23	38	46	78	150	64	31	1	5	6	12	24	36	25	3	3
4	4	4	4	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
479	27	143	649	10	9	225	517	312	829	525	481	20	51	71	133	258	450	320	363	77

mated from data furnished.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.	BAPTISMS.			No. Confirmed.	COMMUNICANTS.					NUMBER OF CELEBRATIONS.	
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Added.	Lost.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Public.	Private.
Howard City.....									7	1	
Kalkaska.....									18		
Luther.....	1		1		3	6	4	7	11	3	
Morley.....									7		
Manton.....									14		
Mendon.....									9	1	
Mancelona.....									4		
Otsego.....									10		
Reed City.....									8	1	
Sturgis.....	2	4	6						114		
Schoolcraft.....			8	3					25	2	
Trufant.....									3		
Total.....	3	5	15	3	3	6	4	7	110	8	
Grand total.....	328	166	494	296	471	258			3874	766	62

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PUBLIC SERVICE'S				INDIVIDUALS.					Of these Baptized.	Of these confirmed.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.						Average Attendance.	Books in Library.	Sub. to church Helper.	
Sundays.	Holy Days.	Week Days.	Total.	Marriages.	Burials.	Families.	Adults.	Children.			Total.	Teachers.			Scholars.					
												Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.				Total.
8		4	12		2	7	18	18	36	33	13	1	4	5	15	18	33	20		4
12	2										4									
12						8				20	4									
		3									10									
											8									
			10								115									
											25									
											3									
12	2	7	22		2	15	18	18	36	53	96	1	4	5	15	18	33	20		4
200	488	1753	4842	123	206	2097			7459		4131	100	277	377	1089	1675	2323			321

mated from data furnished.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF WOMAN'S SOCIETIES AND OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

PLACE AND PARISH.	Receipts Woman's Associations.	For Parochial Purposes.	For Diocesan Purposes.	For Purposes Outside Diocese.	Sunday School Receipts.	For Itself.	For Diocesan Purposes.	For extra Diocesan Purposes.
Albion, S. James'	\$225 59				\$91 59			
Allegan, Good Shepherd	129 35				70 00	\$50 00	\$30 00	\$7 50
Battle Creek, S. Thomas'	148 91		\$15 61		89 59	25 87		43 82
Big Rapids, S. Andrews'	418 19				87 65	50 99		
Coldwater, S. Mark's	591 13			\$27 00	131 02	101 02	20 00	10 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's					99 81	48 11	5 00	
Grand Haven, S. John's	327 23		34 75	23 83	74 88	61 06		8 86
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	2140 32	\$566 40	500 00		633 32	493 32	100 00	100 00
Grand Rapids, Grace	282 00			5 00	85 00	26 00		
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	60 00				57 66	30 52		
Grand Rapids, Trinity	107 07				14 40	11 89		
Hastings, Emmanuel	249 05		34 76	37 07	94 47	94 47		
Holland, Grace	62 50				43 87	43 87		
Homer, Christ's								
Ionla, S. John's	174 32		6 75	12 55	78 38	55 48		27 91
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	285 00		50 61	74 50	180 12	32 63		100 36
Ludington, Grace	56 57				22 61	3 84		
Marshall, Trinity	92 96				72 34	15 49		6 39
Muskegon, S. Paul's	299 60	39 41	4 00	15 50	35 09	11 97	16 00	
Manistee, S. Paul's	300 00				68 55	60 00	2 09	6 56
Niles, Trinity	34 00							
Paw Paw, S. Mark's					3 00	2 00	1 00	
Saranac, Trinity								
Saugatuck, All Saints	93 00				72 15	21 15	5 00	6 00
Three Rivers, Trinity								
Traverse City, Grace								
Union City, Grace								
Whitehall, Redeemer								
Total	\$2077 79	\$305 81	\$646 48	\$195 45	\$2005 52	\$1238 48	\$179 00	\$318 41
<i>Org. Missions Reporting.</i>								
Bent'n Harbor, Holy Trin	\$28 40				\$ 6 00			\$3 23
Charlotte, Grace	180 00	\$180 00			47 67	\$53 97		3 83
East Jordan, Redeemer	48 78	10 06			82 85	52 21		7 62
Mt. Pleasant, S. John's	165 00				56 61	23 81		5 00
Newaygo, S. Mark's	120 05				57 34	29 34		
Pentwater, S. James'	35 61		\$7 40		38 63	6 00		2 83
Petoskey, Emmanuel	300 00				72 88	60 95		11 93
Quincy, S. John's	64 25				23 50			
Rockford, S. James'	17 27							
Luther (unorganized)					13 75	3 10		1 14
Total	\$959 38	\$190 05	\$7 40		\$379 31	\$222 38		\$36 28
Grand Total	\$7037 17	\$795 86	\$653 88	\$195 45	\$2384 83	\$1460 86	\$179 00	\$354 69

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—This report is necessarily fragmentary. It is often impossible to tell what was done with the receipts.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN,

For the year ending May 31st, 1889.

Clergy—		
Bishop.....	1	
Priests.....	29	
Deacons.....	0—	30
Candidates for Holy Orders.....		5
Postulants.....		3
Lay Readers Licensed.....		9
Churches Consecrated.....		2
Number of Parishes.....		28
Organized Missions.....		19
Unorganized Missions.....		13
Baptisms—		
Infants.....	328	
Adults.....	166—	494
Confirmations.....		296
Marriages.....		123
Burials.....		206
No. families reported in twenty parishes and eleven missions.....		2097
No. of souls reported in nineteen parishes and ten missions.....		7459
Sunday School Teachers and Officers.....		377
Sunday School Scholars.....		2823
Value of Church Property—		
Churches and Chapels.....	\$291,857	
Rectories.....	33,100	
Other property.....	56,650—	\$ 381,607
Total insurance carried.....		141,250
Total indebtedness.....		18,959
Summary of Disbursements—		
Communion alms (not otherwise reported)	\$ 1,148	51
Salaries and current expenses.....	31,246	11
Increase of church property.....	8,220	48
Reduction of indebtedness.....	4,966	65
Sunday Schools.....	1,560	74
Other objects within the Parish.....	2,320	55
Balance in hand of Treasurers.....	1,461	74
Total Parochial.....		\$56,432.70

For Diocesan Objects—

Diocesan Missions.....	\$2,330 90
Diocesan Assessment.....	1,180 05
Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	326 68
Other objects in the Diocese.....	4,564 28
Total Diocesan.....	\$8,402 51

For Objects Exterior to the Diocese—

Domestic Missions.....	\$455 06
Foreign Missions.....	451 57
Missions to Colored People.....	27 30
Indian Missions.....	34 49
Other objects.....	1,452 85
Total for Objects outside the Diocese.....	\$2,421.27
Total for all purposes, including balances.....	103,942 55



A CALENDAR

FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission, and Congregation in the Diocese, to make a collection for Diocesan Missions once a month, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese quarterly. Canon XIX., Sec. 4.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.—A discourse on Cruelty to animals, (Epistle).

Sunday before July 4.—Some national topic.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.—Offering for Deaf Mute Missions (Gospel).

Sunday after September Ember Days.—Offering for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

September.—The Convocations meet.

October.—Prison Sunday as appointed.

November.—Second Sunday, offering for American Church Building Fund Commission. The Semi Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference.

Thanksgiving Day.—The suggestion of a Sermon on Civil Service Reform has the endorsement of a number of Bishops.

The Eve of St. Andrew's Day.—Intercession for Missions.

Advent Sunday.—Offering for Domestic Missions.

Christmas Day.—Offerings for the Diocesan Fund for the Disabled Clergy, etc. Canon XIV., Sec. 1.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.—Offerings for Foreign Missions.

First Sunday after the Epiphany.—Schools and Colleges.

Wednesday, before Quinquagesima Sunday.—The Quiet Day for the Clergy.

Good Friday.—Offering for Jewish Missions.

The week after the First Sunday after Easter.—The Semi Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.—Offerings for Indian Missions and Missions to Colored People.

Whitsunday.—Offerings for Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
WILL BE HELD IN S. MARK'S CHURCH,
GRAND RAPIDS, COMMENCING ON TUES-
DAY, JUNE 3RD, A. D. 1890, AT HALF
PAST 7 P. M.

J. N. RIPPEY, SECRETARY.

A FORM OF BEQUEST

To the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, a Body Corporate under the Laws of the State of Michigan, and empowered to receive and hold any property, real or personal, for the use and benefit of said Diocese:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum of _____ dollars for

- (a) The uses and purposes of said Association; or,
- (b) For the uses of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy; or,
- (c) For the uses of the Episcopal Fund of said Diocese; or,
- (d) For the Missions of the Diocese; or,
- (e) For the Rectory Building Fund; or for any other specific use of the Diocese; or,
- (f) For _____ Parish, _____ the annual proceeds thereof to be devoted to the support of the Rector, or to the repairs of the Church; or to any other Parochial object specified.